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IN GUELPH. GOOD, cheap Cordwood for sale at BROWN'S WOOD YARD. Woolwich Street, nearly opposite the Court House.

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REFERENCES.—Rev. Archdeacon Palmer, Drs. Clarke, Parker and Bevel, Guelph; A. F. Scott, Esq., County Judge; George Green, County Attorney; Dr. Poythill, M. B. C.; Rev. Mr. Arnold—Brampton; Dr. Barnhart Warden of Peel; Dr. Hays, resident Surgeon Toronto Hospital.

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OFFICE: MACDONNELL STREET. SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 28.

For the best flavored, strongest, finest and cheapest Green, Black and Japan Teas in the Dominion, go to Geo. Wilkinson's.

THE yearly volume of British Workman, Children's Friend, Infant's Magazine and Band of Hope received at Day's Bookstore.

AUCTION SALE.—We would direct the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the sale of the Castle Garden Saloon, which appears in to-day's issue.

It Gives Satisfaction, does that excellent Tea sold for 62c. per lb. by JAS. MURPHY, No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph.

A magnificent assortment of Goods for New Year's Gifts in Electroplated Ware, Fine Cutlery, Coal Oil Lamps, Trays, Dyed-wool Mats, &c., at Horsman's, and to suit the public his store will in future remain open till seven o'clock each evening, and on Saturdays till nine.

PRESENTATION.—Mr. Hunter, who has now become a resident of Guelph was according to the Stratford Beacon, presented by his pupils with a very costly and handsome writing desk, accompanied by a feeling address, immediately previous to his resignation of the situation of Principal of the Common School in that town.

All who wish to get supplied with Mr. Horsman's splendid White Coal Oil at 15c., or with Lamps, Chimneys, Wicks, &c., have now an opportunity of doing so, as he keeps his Store open till 7 o'clock, and on Saturdays till 9 o'clock.

SAD BEREAVEMENT.—A Mr and Mrs Boice, of Stratford, went to Downie on Friday, the 20th instant, to visit their relatives, taking with them, carefully wrapped up, their infant child, a little over three months old. The child was fine and healthy; and their surprise and grief may be imagined when they reached their destination to find it dead. It was known to be alive when Mr Boice got out to open the gate leading to the house.

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Nearly all gone are these large lots of Poultry. The reason why, J. MURPHY sells them cheaper than any farmer can raise them. A fresh supply in time for Christmas and New Year's at No. 1, Upper Wyndham-st., Guelph.

FIRE IN STRATFORD.—The Woollen Mills at Stratford were destroyed by fire on Tuesday, the 24th inst. Some of the refuse of the wool took fire by some means, and the total destruction of the building soon became inevitable. There was not much cloth there at the time, but such as there was, it was got out. One or two of the looms, a part of the spinning jack and some belling, were also saved. But the salvage bore only a small proportion to the loss, the wreck being almost complete. The building, which was of frame, was three stories in height. It contained an engine of 25 horse power, a spinning jack, four looms, fulling mill, finishing apparatus, and other appliances for weaving and dyeing cloth and doing custom-work. The total loss is estimated at \$8000, and there was an insurance of only \$1,500.

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DUNKIN'S BILL.—The Council of the County of Prince Edward have passed a by-law prohibiting the sale of liquor, which will be submitted in about a month to vote of the ratepayers. Apropos of this we might remark that in the township of North Easthope, county of Perth, a similar by-law was carried, but its prohibitions seem to be now almost disregarded.

One of Mr. Horsman's new style Vase Lamps, with the celebrated Sun Burner, makes a handsome gift for New Year's. To accommodate the public, his store will be kept open each evening till seven o'clock, and on Saturdays until nine.

RECOVERED.—We are happy to be able to announce that P. Gow, Esq., has so far recovered from his recent illness as to have been able to proceed by the 10 o'clock train this morning to occupy his seat in the Legislature of Ontario.

All who appreciate the benefit of a clear, bright light, should call at Mr. Horsman's and get the grand new Sun Burner and Chimney at 39c., and some of his pure White Coal Oil at 15c. Store open till 7 p. m.

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

THE MASONIC FESTIVAL.

Yesterday (Friday) being the festival of St. John the Evangelist, the newly elected officers of Speed Lodge, Guelph, were installed in the new Lodge at 12 o'clock. They are Bro. Charles Sharpe, W. M.; Bro. A. B. Petrie, S. W.; Bro. Caleb Chase, J. W.; V. W. Bro. J. M. Dunn, Treas.; Bro. John Cridford, Sec'y; Bro. W. D. Hepburn, S. D.; Bro. Peter F. Cope, J. D.; Bro. Robert Cuthbert, I. G.; Bro. John Davidson, D. C.; Bro. Robert Stewart and Joseph Firestone, Stewards; Bro. Wm. Congalton, Tyler.

In the evening the members gave a grand entertainment in their new lodge which together with suitable ante-rooms, &c., comprises the whole of the third storey of Mr. John Hogg's new building. The apartments are yet in an unfinished state, but through the energy and indefatigable exertions of the committees and the members every obstacle was overcome, and all the arrangements, perfect in themselves, were as perfectly carried out.—The Masonic fraternity are noted all over for the good taste and liberality displayed in getting up their entertainments, and certainly that of last night is no exception to the rule. Everything was done which could conduce to the comfort and pleasure of their guests, and there was a harmony and completeness about the whole affair which does the greatest credit to the brethren in Guelph. The decorations of the Lodge room were very appropriate and very tasteful. On a platform at one end were placed the Worshipful Master's chair, and the various emblems of the craft, also busts of distinguished literary men. Above in an arch made of evergreens was a transference, on which was painted the name and number of the Lodge, and behind it a handsome gilt frame was suspended its Constitution. The walls were festooned with flags and cloths of bright colors, and gracefully entwined with these were wreaths of evergreens. Hand-some pictures and engravings were also hung at suitable distances, which added much to the effect. At the other end of the Lodge and at the side were placed the Senior and Junior Warden's chairs, which, like that for the Worshipful Master, are richly carved and ornamented. The upper room was also beautifully decorated, and, like the whole Lodge, was brilliantly lighted.

The company began to assemble before eight, and were received by the committee, who conducted them to seats. When all were assembled there would not be less than 250 ladies and gentlemen comprising the elite of the Town. Previous to the entertainment the brethren, with their insignia and badges of office, formed in procession and entered the Lodge, headed by past Worshipful Master Dunn, in the absence of Mr. C. Sharpe, recently elected to that office. Having given the "honors" in true Masonic style, Mr. Dunn made a few eloquent introductory remarks, in which he expressed on behalf of the members of the Lodge the great pleasure they felt at the presence of so many ladies and gentlemen. He then spoke for a little on the aims and objects of masonry—the broad catholic principles which form the basis of its constitution—which inculcate charity and fraternal good feeling. After his address came the musical part of the entertainment. The ladies and gentlemen who took part in it were Mrs. Cuthbert, Miss Jones, Messrs. H. Walker, T. H. Taylor, T. Brown and T. Brendon. Mr. E. R. Martin played the organ and directed the choir. Without entering into any detailed notice of the concert, we would merely say that we never heard the singers in better voice, and the different pieces were rendered with a taste and expression which called forth, as they deserved, the greatest applause.

The concert over, the company adjourned to the supper room, which as we stated already was brilliantly lighted and handsomely decorated. Mr. H. Berry provided a magnificent supper, which both from the selection of the dishes and the taste displayed in laying out and ornamenting them, was the theme of general praise and admiration. As a caterer Mr. Berry has well earned his laurels, but last night he far surpassed all former efforts. After supper the room was cleared and dancing commenced to the inspiring strains of the Preston Quadrille Band. For those who preferred a quieter mode of enjoyment, carpet balls, table croquet and other amusements were provided, and entered into with much spirit. A pleasant interlude took place about one o'clock, when Mrs. Cuthbert and Miss Jones, and Messrs. H. Walker, T. H. Taylor, E. R. Martin and T. Brendon, gave some favorite songs. Dancing was again resumed and kept up with ardour till an early hour this morning.

The entertainment was one of unmingled pleasure and in every respect a great success. There was but one opinion expressed by the company, that whether in regard to the completeness and good taste of the arrangements, the beauty of the decorations, and the princely style in which the festival was got up, it surpassed anything of the kind ever held in Guelph; and when the company broke up the universal wish was that the Masonic fraternity in Guelph would treat their friends to such another festival on the next anniversary of St. John the Evangelist.

Police Court. Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate. SATURDAY, 25th.—Janet Leith who has paid the penalty of indulging her propensity for the destruction of rosters was brought up this morning on a charge of breaking a pane of glass in the window of somebody's whom nobody knows, and was fined in the amount of damage (twelve and a half cts.) and costs.

MASONIC FESTIVAL.—WRONG SHOES.—The party who took a pair of half-cloth overshoes, by mistake, from the window of the gentlemen's dressing room, this forenoon, will please leave them with Mr. A. B. Petrie.

HANDS OVER.—On Friday last Herkimer and Henry, the Indian and his co-partner who were convicted before the Police Magistrate of having stolen two horses from the County of Middlesex, were escorted to London by Chief Constable Kelly, and delivered into the custody of the London gaoler. It may be very reasonably presumed that an effort will be made to teach them the full extent of the difference that exists between meum and tuum.

Opening of Local Legislature.

Yesterday, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the first Legislature of Ontario was formally opened by His Excellency Lieut. Governor Stisted. His Excellency entered the chamber and took his seat on the throne precisely at three o'clock—the members of the House standing until His Excellency took his seat.

All the members were present with the exception of three—Mr. Gow, Wellington, S. R.; Dr. McMill, Ontario, S. R.; Mr. Supple, Henfrey, N. B.

Hon. M. C. Cameron then came forward to the foot of the throne and read the following announcement:—Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieut-Governor, to announce that His Excellency does not see fit to declare the cause of his summoning you at this time, and will not do so until you have chosen a Speaker to preside over your honourable body. But to-morrow, at two o'clock, His Excellency will declare the cause of his calling you together.

His Excellency then rose, and having bowed to the members, left the room.

Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald (addressing the clerk) said—In obedience to the directions of His Excellency, the Lieut. Governor, the duty will devolve on you, Mr. Gillmour, to preside over the deliberations of this House until the Speaker is elected. It is my duty on the present occasion, to take steps towards the election of a Speaker, and in doing so it will be my pleasing duty to propose a gentleman who will, I believe, be acceptable to the House. The gentleman whose name I am about to submit is an old resident of the country—is, I believe, a native of it—and is one who has had such experience in County Council affairs as may in some measure qualify him for his position. He is a man, I may add, of sound common sense, which is, after all, a very essential qualification for a person filling the chair of this House. In proposing a gentleman to fill that chair, I may mention that those on the Treasury benches feel that they have taken the responsibility of that course. And while we have the honour of possessing the confidence of this House—while the responsibility of the discharge of the functions of Government rest on us, we will be prepared to accept our position; we will be responsible for his appointment and for the management and control of the House; and when we no longer possess the confidence of members, then, of course, we will not be here. Feeling this to be our position, we will submit the name of a gentleman who will command the confidence of the House, and who will, we believe, receive that confidence before he is long in the chair. With these remarks, Mr. Gillmour, I beg to propose that Mr. John Stevenson, Member of Parliament for Lennox, do take the chair. (Applause.)

Hon. Mr. Carling—I have, Mr. Gillmour, very great pleasure in seconding the resolution of the Hon. Attorney-General. I feel that the gentleman proposed will give satisfaction to the House, and discharge its business correctly and well.

The Clerk was proceeding to put the motion, when—

Mr. Archibald McKellar rose and said—Before that motion is put, I may say that I know the gentlemen on this side of the House can have no objection to the nomination of the Government. We believe that where it is at all practicable, it is convenient and desirable to get gentlemen of experience to fill the various offices in connection with the House. However, the Government has assumed the responsibility of proposing Mr. Stevenson. They have, as I understand it, taken a gentleman from this side of the House, representing our views and opinions—and for that reason I think that no gentleman on this side will object to the nomination of the Government. From all I have heard of Mr. Stevenson, I believe him to be a good Reformer—that he is a highly respectable gentleman—and one in every way eminently qualified to fill the position he has been nominated to. (Applause.) Of course lack of experience is a matter he can easily overcome; and I am sure hon. gentlemen on both sides of the House will render him all the assistance they can in discharging the duties of that office. (Applause.)

Sir Henry Smith protested against Mr. Stevenson being claimed by Mr. McKellar as a Reformer. If he thought that Mr. Stevenson was proposed because he was a Reformer, he would ask every gentleman, whether Conservative or Reformer, to make this a test question, and try the strength of the Government in the election of Speaker.

Mr. Thomas Ferguson followed in the same strain. He deprecated the revival of party feeling, and the re-formation of the party feeling for the purpose of laying it. If they were to be asked to accept a man because of the party he belonged to, he would be sorry to stand there as a supporter of the Coalition Government. They ought not to be called on for such a reason to vote for this man as Speaker who has not had Parliamentary experience, but has, simply acquired some necessary knowledge in a County Council.

Mr. Boyd of Prescott, who sat on the Opposition side, said Mr. Stevenson was elected not simply because he was a Reformer, but because he was one of those pledged to give the Government a fair and impartial trial; and as such he accepted his nomination and would support him.

The Clerk then put the motion, which was carried.

Hon. J. S. McDonald and Hon. Mr. Carling conducted Mr. Stevenson to the Speaker's chair.

The Speaker rose and said—I return my sincere thanks for the honor done me in unanimously electing me the first Speaker of the Province of Ontario. I am not insensible to the responsibility of the office in which I have been placed, or to my own imperfections and inexperience; but I rely on the kind forbearance and assistance of the House. In the performance of my duties I shall endeavor to act impartially and justly, without respect to party or party feeling, and while I deem it my duty to maintain the honor and dignity of the House, I shall not fail to uphold the rights and convenience of every member. Trusting our deliberations will be conducted with courtesy, and that our acts will be such as will advance the interests of the country and promote the happiness of the people, I again return my thanks for the honour conferred on me. (Applause.)

Hon. Mr. Macdonald then moved an adjournment until to-morrow.

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Mexican Affairs.

Advices from the City of Mexico to the 17th have been received. Excitement among foreigners, consequent upon withdrawal of the British Legation, still continues. Correspondence from Europe states that it is improbable any money could be raised in the Old World for enterprises in Mexico. There was a great deal of misery, and bandits were quite active in all parts. The ex-Imperialists in Campachy were fearing the aggressions of their republican neighbors on account of the late revolution at Florida. The tendency of the revolution, as far as proclaimed is in favor of Santa Anna. Advices from Mayaguez of the 18th state that shocks of earthquake continue there. Intelligence Honduras states that Mr. McRae found the forest so dense and the timber so valuable, that he intends to return at once to Jamaica for the means and elements to buy land in Honduras and export the products of these forests.

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says that along and throughout several counties a reign of terror prevails. The freedmen become desperate awaiting the distribution of farms, and now seek revenge by house-burning, cattle-killing, and other outrages. Murder and arson are of nightly occurrence, and a war of races seems inevitable. The civil authorities are powerless to protect, and military posts are so remote that the whites have determined to defend themselves in different ways, but their resolution is, "Death before negro supremacy." The forty acres and two mules promised the negroes at Christmas not being forthcoming, has caused this terrible state of affairs.

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SATURDAY EV'NG, DECEMBER 28.

Provisions of the Postal Bill.

This much debated Bill, passed the several branches of the Legislature at the late session, and comes into force on the 1st of April 1868. The first draft of the Bill underwent some modifications in order to render it more acceptable to the public, who were by no means satisfied with the enactments it proposed. Even yet it is not universally pleasing, since it has disappointed the hope very generally cherished, that any fresh legislation to which newspaper postage might be subjected would result in its total abolition. Sir J. A. Macdonald gave the reason of the government of still persisting in levying a tax upon all newspapers to be, that they wished to make the Post Office Department self-sustaining if possible. A very worthy aspiration certainly, and much more commendable if it were not so exclusive; and if the same keen desire were evinced with regard to every other department nobody would grumble about paying twenty cents a year as postage on a weekly newspaper. After all, the new law is in some respects better than the old one, therefore if we have not got all we asked, let us be thankful for even small favors, and like honest Sancho say, God bless the givers.

In the matter of registration of letters there has been a change made so that officers of the Post Offices "have power to register letters unquestionably containing money or other valuable enclosures when posted without registration by the senders of the same, and to impose a registration charge upon such letters, of two cts." It will be a difficult matter perhaps for postmasters to tell whether letters "unquestionably" contain money or not, but as the registration fee will add nothing to their income probably but few of them will stop to make enquiries with regard to the contents of an envelope which has not been announced as containing something valuable. After the first of April next letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight will be charged three cents each, when paid at the time of posting, but if not so paid the giver will be charged five cents. Letters delivered at the same office where they are posted will be charged one cent without regard to weight. The postage on newspapers has been somewhat reduced as may be seen by the following quotation. "The rate of postage upon newspapers printed and published in Canada, and issued not less frequently than once a week from a known office of publication, and sent to regular subscribers in Canada by mail, shall be as follows:—Upon each such newspaper, when issued once a week, the rate for each quarter of a year, commencing on the first of January, first of April, first of July, or first of October of each year, shall be five cents, when issued twice a week ten cents, when issued three times a week fifteen cents, when issued six times a week thirty cents, and in that proportion, adding one rate of five cents for each issue more than once a week; and such postage may be prepaid in advance from the first day of the quarter from which the payment commences, for a term of not less than a quarter of a year; and such prepayment may be made at either the office mailing or delivery: provided, nevertheless, that Exchange Papers, addressed by one editor or publisher of a newspaper to another editor or publisher, may be sent by post free of charge." But on all newspapers by post in Canada "except in the cases hereinbefore expressly provided for, there shall be payable a rate of not exceeding two cents each." It rests with the Governor in Council, or Postmaster General to say whether this rate, or the present shall be valid. Printer's copy, books, pamphlets, and various other articles may after the date we have mentioned be transmitted by post at the rate of one cent per ounce. There are various other provisions to which we may at another time refer, as also to the Savings Bank which has been instituted in connection with the Post Office.

Opening of the Ontario Legislature.

(Special Correspondence of the Mercury.)
TORONTO, Dec. 27, 1867.

The first Parliament of the Province of Ontario was opened to-day at 3 o'clock. As may be supposed, the event was looked forward to with much interest, not only by the citizens of Toronto, but by every individual throughout the Province. Consequently the opening ceremonies attracted a large number of people to the city, and in order to give fitting eclat to the proceedings, the Torontonians had voted themselves a half holiday. A more unpropitious or unfavorable day, as far as the weather was concerned, could not have been chosen. The dull leaden fog of the morning changed during the forenoon to a steady, and often, heavy down pour of rain. Strangers were glad to get under a roof—citizens who were obliged to go out, hurried along at a break-neck pace, and the Volunteers who were called out to form a guard of honor to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, looked, as they hurried through the streets to their rendezvous, more like half-drowned rats than valiant soldiers. Toronto looked sombre indeed, but after noon the weather brightened a little, and before 3 o'clock the rain had ceased altogether.

Meanwhile, during the forenoon, the Queen's Hotel and Rossin House, where most of the members of the Government and Legislature were staying, became the great centres of attraction for town and country politicians, who went to gain tickets of admission to the gallery, glean all information they could about the proceedings, see the members from their particular localities, or through them scrape acquaintance with those from other constituencies. About two o'clock things began to assume a lively appearance about the Parliament Buildings, and also in-doors, and by three o'clock quite a large number of spectators were collected about the main door and approaches to the House. In the interim the Commissioners were busy swearing in members at the Clerk's table. Representatives in former Parliaments, as they met, greeted one another with a hearty hand shake. Some of the defeated candidates at last election were also present as spectators, and although no doubt they regretted that they were not in a position to take seats inside the bar, still they put on the best possible appearance, and chatted quite gaily with old Parliamentary chums. One by one the members of the Government made their appearance. The Premier looked as jovial as of old, and wore his blandest smile as he passed from one member to another and gave them a cordial greeting.

Very little alteration has been made in the Legislative Council. Members seats are arranged as they were during the former Parliament, the ministerial benches being to the right of the Speaker's chair, and those occupied by the Opposition on the left. The side gallery has been taken out, and the end gallery enlarged. The walls have been plainly though neatly papered, and a plain carpet covers the floor. In the committee rooms and other offices the work of renovation has hardly been completed. On the whole the interior arrangements seem to be excellent, and the alterations have been done with a due regard to economy, without, however, sacrificing appearance or comfort.

By three o'clock all the members present were sworn in. We saw only three seats empty—one of which is ticketed for your member Mr. Gow, who we are sorry to learn was too unwell to be present on the first day. He and Mr. McKim, from the North Riding, sit beside each other. Mr. Ferrier sits near the lower end of the third row of benches on the ministerial side of the House. Judging from the appearance of the members, our first Parliament is composed of a highly intelligent and respectable class of men, who will do honor to their position and secure the respect of the Province.

Shortly before three o'clock two detachments of the Queen's Own and Tenth Royals were drawn up in front of the Building as a guard of honour. They were accompanied by the battalion bands. A salute was fired by the Volunteer Artillery as soon as General Stisted left his residence. He arrived in a carriage drawn by four horses, and was accompanied by his aides de camp and other staff officers.

By this time everything was in readiness for his reception. The new Clerk, nervous and fidgety, was in his place at the head of the table. The Sergeant-at-Arms was handling the mace rather gingerly, and seemed in doubt which way to hold it. On the floor of the Chamber were seated the judges of the Court of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas, and Chancery judges in their robes, Bishop Lynch, Rev. Drs. McCaul, Willis, Barclay, Ryerson and Rev. Mr. Grasset. As soon as General Stisted entered and took his seat, Hon. M. C. Cameron informed the House that His Excellency would not state his reasons for calling them together until they had elected their Speaker. This being done, His Excellency left the House, which proceeded at once to the election of Speaker.

Everything passed off well. It is true the officials are new to their work, and required a little prompting, but an occasional hint from the Premier put them all right. General Stisted himself seemed to be as innocent of Parliamentary practice as the merest tyro. After Mr. Cameron had spoken, His Excellency still, evidently not knowing what was next on the programme. The Premier nodded and winked to him to leave, but he kept his seat till John Sandfield told one of the aides de camp that it was time for them to retire. The members were then

Opening of the Quebec Legislature.

The opening of the first Quebec Parliament took place at 8 o'clock on Friday last. Nothing that could give grandeur to the scene was wanting. The Quebec Hussars escorted His Excellency, Volunteers lined the streets, and a guard of honour of the 30th Regiment, with their band was drawn up in front of the Parliament House. Within the Council Chamber had assembled the elite of the city, and as the clocks tolled the hour of three in the afternoon the heavy guns of the grand battery thundered forth the announcement of the arrival of the Lieutenant-Governor and his staff. The members of the Lower House having arrived, the Hon. Speaker informed them that when they should have elected a Speaker His Excellency would inform them of the reasons for which he had convened the Legislature, and that His Excellency would meet them to-morrow for that purpose. The members of the Assembly then retired, and the Lieutenant-Governor, accompanied by his staff, returned to the Government House.

In the Assembly on the return of the members from the Council Chamber, J. G. Blanchet, Esq., member for Lewis, was proposed by Hon. Mr. Chaveau for the Speakership, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Dunkin, and carried unanimously. The newly elected Speaker having been conducted to the chair by his nominator and seconder, and having briefly returned thanks for the honour conferred on him, the House adjourned.

For pure Coffees in Mocha, Java, Jamaica, Rio and Laguayra, ground fresh on receipt of orders, go to Geo. Wilkinson's. The run made on Mr. Horsman's pure White Coat Oil, at 15c., is so great that he will in future keep open till 7 o'clock each evening, and on Saturday till 9 o'clock.

Best's Pale Ale and Guinness' Dublin Porter in pints and quarts at Geo. Wilkinson's. Scotch Whiskey, Malt Whiskey, Old Rye Whiskey, Cobourg Whiskey, at John A. Wood's.

New Advertisements.

TAKE NOTICE.

ALL parties indebted to the undersigned will please call and settle the same on or before the first of JANUARY NEXT, otherwise accounts will be handed over for collection. Call and SAVE COSTS.

JOHN TYSON,
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Guelph, Dec. 28, 1867. dt

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W. S. G. KNOWLES is instructed to sell by public auction,
On Thursday, 2nd Jan, 1868,
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Effects and Stock-in-Trade of the Castle Garden Saloon, Market Square, Guelph, comprising Centre, Dining, Breakfast and Toilet Tables, Hair-seated and Damask-seated Chairs and Sofas, Carpets, Mirrors, Damask Curtains, Bedsteads and Bedding in great variety, Washstands, Toilet Sets, Cutlery, Glassware, China, Electro-plated Ware, Engravings and Oil Paintings, Coal Stoves, Wood Stoves, Cooking Stoves, Bar-room Furniture, Kitchen Furniture, together with all the unsold

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which are of the very best description.
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Large Photographs!

Small Photographs, Carte de Visites, Imperial Cards, Pictures on Porcelain, Copying, Views, &c.
WM. MARSHALL,
Artist, Day's Block
Guelph, 28th Dec., 1867. dt

Division Court Sittings.

COUNTY OF WELLINGTON.			
THE Division Courts for the County of Wellington, will be held as follows:			
Orangeville	Feb. 4, April 14, June 30, 1868	July 15, Sept 15, Nov 15	
Erin	5	15	25
Guelph	7	17	27
Elora	18	28	31
Arthur	19	29	33
Mount Forest	20	30	34
Drayton	21	May 1	24
Rockwood	25	12	Aug. 4
Paslinch	26	13	5
Harrison	March 3	26	18
Harrison	4	27	19
Glennan	5	28	30

By order,
FRED A. BAKER, Clerk No. 1.
Guelph, 28th Dec., 1867.

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.

The very best of Liquors, and choicest Cigars will always be kept.
The Rooms are under the superintendence of Mr. McCordue, whose courteous attention, as well as his thorough knowledge of the business, will insure satisfaction in all cases.

The very Best of Oysters

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Saved from the Fire at the Alma Block, on

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The 27th and 28th Instant.

All to be Sold in Lots to suit Purchasers, Without Reserve.

ON FRIDAY—THE UNBROKEN PACKAGES will be offered to the Trade, together with all the Goods bought at the time of the fire and in transit. TERMS LIBERAL.

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The Goods can be seen during the week at the Warehouse of Messrs. ROBINS & TOLTON, near the Grand Trunk Passenger Station.

J. MASSIE & CO.
Guelph 16th Dec. 1867. dtw

CHRISTMAS.

GENERAL GROCERIES!

Wines and Liquors, Crockery, China and Glassware, which he will sell as cheap as any house in the town.

Teas, Coffees, Sugars, Tobaccos.

Good Green and Black Teas from 50c. per lb., Green and Ground Coffees. SUGARS—Muscovada, Loaf, Ground and Crushed. First class Chewing and Smoking Tobaccos.

Fruits and Sauces for Christmas & New Year

ALL TO GO OFF CHEAP.

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will be sold as low as the Tariff and Excise Laws of the Dominion will permit. Always good value for your money on Upper Wyndham Street.

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Guelph, 21st December, 1867. dtw

CHRISTMAS BOXES.

to stop in and examine our stock, as it is larger and more varied than ever.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

WE WOULD INVITE THOSE ABOUT TO PURCHASE

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Guelph, December 14, 1867. dtw

New Saddlery Shop

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

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

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

WHIPS, Horse Covers, Sleigh Belts

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

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

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We have on hand all kinds of articles, and will make up on the shortest notice anything you want in the Saddlery line, a few doors South of the Registry Office.

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

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

SMITH & METCALF,
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Guelph, 28th December, 1867. dtw

Queen's Book 85 Cents.

NEW supply of the Queen's Book. Price 85c.

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THE above Club will make their first appearance in the

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ON **Monday Evening, Dec. 30th.**

On which occasion will be produced for the first time here George Alma's celebrated Drama, in two acts, entitled

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or "The Dropping Well of Knareboro."

To conclude with an amusing afterpiece by all the members of the Club. For particulars see programme. Admission 25 cents; Reserved seats 50 cents. For sale at the Book and Drug Stores, and also by the Members of the Club.
MR. VALE, MORRIS ARMOUR, Manager.
Guelph, 14th December, 1867. dt

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ESSENCE OF RONDELETIA!

AN ELEGANT PERFUME

for the Handkerchief and Toilet.

Prepared by Breidenbach,
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N. HIGINBOTHAM.
Guelph, 24th Dec., 1867. dtw

HENRY MULHOLLAND!

THE OFFICE

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READING ROOM OF ELLIS' HOTEL.

Nearly Opposite the Old Stand.
Guelph, 17th December, 1867. dtw

Santa Claus' HEADQUARTERS.

IF YOU WANT TO BUY

Christmas Presents,

And New Year's Gifts,

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

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DIRECT FROM PARIS

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

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Commercial, Mathematical, and Classical

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

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The most respectable references given if required. Send for a circular.

HOCAIG & McMILLAN,
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THE subscriber having put a steam engine in his Mill, farmers bringing in their Grists can rely on having them ground the same day.

Chopping done every day.

FLOUR AND FEED

FOR SALE AT THE MILL.

GROUND PLASTER for sale at the Mill, and also at his Old Stand, near the Railway Crossing.

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The Co-partnership Dissolved! Mr. HOGG retires from the Business!

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

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

Guelph, 30th November, 1867.

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A Merry Christmas

AND A

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TO ALL

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FOR hermetically Sealed Goods, consisting of Strawberries, Lawton Blackberries, Peaches, Cherries, Tomatoes, Green Peas, Lollipops and Sardines, go to GEO. WILKINSON'S.

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MRS. ROBINSON

HAS on hand a varied stock of GENERAL GROCERIES for

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consisting of Almonds, Brazil Filberts.

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

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

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She has the LARGEST and BEST ASSORTMENT in town of

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WE have opened our stock of FURS, four own manufacture, which we will sell at

LOW PRICES, viz:

Extra Dark Mink,
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At Prime Cost for Cash only.

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

N. CROFT,
Canada Clothing Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Guelph, Dec. 16th, 1867.

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THE Great Clearing Sale continues to attract an immense number of customers anxious to participate in the

Extraordinary Bargains

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The most complete,
The most choice,
The most select,
The Best and Cheapest

22 lbs. New Currants for . . . 1
11 lbs. New Valencia Raisins . . . 1
10 lbs. New Seedless Raisins . . . 1
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Orange and Lemon Peel, 30c.

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Brazil Nuts, Walnuts,
Almonds, shelled or unshelled,
Figs, Prunes,
Dried Cherries and Cranberries
Oranges, Lemons,
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of every description.

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THE American Watch Company of Waltham, Mass., being determined to place their several grades of Watches at prices within the reach of all parties, and to effectually shut out all Swiss counterfeit Watches, have decided from this date to supply their Watches in the Dominion of Canada at the net Gold value of American Currency. The Company by thus paying all duty, costs and charges on their Watches into Canada, will supply to the people of the Dominion the

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SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 28, 1867.

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There are memories of our childhood— Oh, that far, far happier day, Of our rambles in the wildwood...

Of the jessamine trained so neatly, Climbing lattice, casement o'er, And the mosses blowing sweetly...

There are gushing, tender feelings, Mutual confidences sweet; Softly uttered heart revelations...

There is listening to old stories, Seating far into the night, Of the shadows and the glories— In the battles all must fight...

There's the ever sad reverting, To the loved ones death hath claimed, To the marble still answering sweetly...

The Maiden's Choice

On THE LAIRD OF BIRKENBUCH.

A Tale of the Covenanters.

'This is a serious matter, truly,' observed Mr. Gordon, who listened to the speaker with evident anxiety...

'No; but I hope to obtain the dear girl's consent. We are already betrothed, and as you know, sir, but for the troubles of the times we would have been married ere this...

'My dear Marion, this is no new subject for your consideration—no new prospect for your contemplation. Years ago you promised, with my sanction and approbation, to be the wife of Walter Elliot...

'I am satisfied that this is for the best,' said Hugh. 'Danger and peril are thickening around us. Our power of protecting each other is almost gone, while that of our enemies to hurt is daily increasing.'

'You hear this, Marion,' said Walter again, as he advanced and took her hand. 'Those whose love and affection you cannot doubt support me in what I have proposed. One word from you will suffice to let me know that you consent. Nay, the pressure of your hand will be enough.'

'Some moments of perfect silence followed, then Marion's hand closed spasmodically on the many fingers of her lover, and her answer was given.'

'Bless you, my darling,' said Walter, kissing the hand by which consent had been expressed, while his handsome face flushed with joy.

It was a strange scene when, an hour or two later, the marriage ceremony was performed in that secluded chamber, in circumstances so unusual and so solemn. But a few hours before and not one there present dreamed of such a thing. Now all agreed in considering it to be strongly advisable, and so, without preparation—without pomp of any kind, and with nearly as much secrecy as if it had been a crime, the Laird of Birkenburch received his bride from her father's hand, and the sacred words were said which joined them together till death, the great divider, should part them asunder. Hugh M'Kail, with Andrew Weir and Marjory, were the only witnesses, and the two latter were both glad and awe-struck by the proceedings.

But perhaps the most solemn moment of the scene was at the close, when, as husband and wife, Walter and Marion knelt together and swore adherence to the 'Covenant.' No one knew better than Mr. Gordon what the terrible results...

ties that involved, and what trials and what dangers it would in all likelihood entail, but it was a cause to which he was himself devoted—soul, body and spirit—and it was a cause which, in his opinion, claimed the unreserved allegiance of those who desired the establishment of the good and the true, for the cause of the Government was the cause of civil and religious liberty for the individual and the nation, whose being at the time fiercely assailed, and a determined effort being made by the Government to trample them altogether under foot.

And so between dark and midnight, the young laird of Birkenburch obtained a wife, but dark and threatening circumstances surrounded the inmates of the mansion, and for two of them at least a hiding place required to be provided without delay—even before the morning light—for they had not the slightest doubt that at an early hour of the day Charlie Allan and his troopers would make their appearance at the house.

The two for whom concealment was essential were Mr. Gordon and Hugh M'Kail, whose apprehension—particularly M'Kail's—was eagerly desired by certain men in power whom he had mortally offended by words whose source of power was truth. Mr. Gordon as the former minister of Greytown, was also liable to punishment because he had dared to come within the bounds of his former parish, from which by tyrannous edict, he had been banished.

And Walter Elliot himself was liable to be heavily fined if either of these two men were found in his house. A short time after midnight, when the owner of the house had seen his guests comfortably disposed of for the night, he came through the passages with the lamp in his hand, and entered the kitchen, where Andrew Weir sat by himself by the embers of a fading fire.

'Now to work, Andrew,' he said as he entered. 'I dare say you have a guess what we have got to do.' 'To find a safe hiding place, of course,' responded Andrew, as he started promptly up.

'Indeed, then that must be in the very lowest part of the building. Light your lamp, and bring it along with you for we shall need both.'

Andrew would have hesitated not a little to explore the uninhabited portion of the mansion at that midnight hour alone; for although not particularly superstitious, yet the thought of entering places where human foot had not been for years—places the darkness and solitude of which had not been disturbed for generations—was more than he could encounter by himself. But with his brave strong young master with him, he experienced not the slightest tremor, and together they descended numerous flights of black and dusty stone stairs into the region of dampness, mustiness, and aerial silence.

Their purpose was to penetrate to the lowest recesses in search of the well of which Andrew had spoken, and in their progress they traversed so many passages went through such a number of empty rooms, and made such a variety of windings and turnings that Andrew declared they would not be able to find their way back.

'Trust me for that,' returned Walter, 'I never forget a path I have trod, and know precisely the point where we are at present. We are in the vicinity of the west wing, and I am just looking out for a grating or loophole by which to try to find out whether we have reached the basement of the walls, or are actually below them. Here is a doorway, let us see if we can discover anything inside.'

They entered a low-arched circular cell, the sides of which were grimly ornamented with iron bars fixed in the rocky wall, from which rusty chains depended, giving significant tokens of the purpose to which the place had once been put. At the side opposite the entrance was a grated aperture, through which the night air blew in a fresh stream, to the great relief of the explorers, who had been for an hour at least, breathing a close and disagreeable atmosphere.

The lamps were placed in the passage without, so that their light might not prevent the dim starlight without from being visible, and Walter advancing to the grating, crept down upon his knees and peered through.

TO BE CONTINUED. Business must be attended to, and in order to do this properly Mr. Horsman will keep open each evening till 7 o'clock, and on Saturday until 9, for the sale of Oil, Lamps, Chimneys, Wicks, &c.

COMMERCIAL

Guelpb Markets.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Flour, Wheat, Oats, Beans, etc.

Money Market.

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE. Guelpb, December 28, 1867.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's report by Special Telegram to 'Evening Mercury.'

THE GROCERY & WINE TRADE OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT.

FRANK SMITH & CO. 77 Front Street, Toronto,

BEG to inform to their Western friends and the public generally, that they have now received a large portion of their Fall supply of

Fresh English Groceries, Wines, Brandies, &c., Ex: 'Planet,' 'Chaudiere,' 'City of Hamilton,' 'Glenborne,' from London.

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

JUST RECEIVING IN STORE,

308 Bids and Terces of Barbados, Porto Rico and Cuba Sugars. 522 Bbls Currants crop 1866, VERY CHEAP.

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

Inspection invited. Terms Liberal. Cash and prompt paying customers desired.

Toronto, 5th November, 1867.

THOS. GRIFFITH & CO., Wholesale Grocers,

39 Front-st., TORONTO, ARE now receiving Ex. S. S. Nova Scotian, Moravian, and other vessels,

Boxes New Valencia Raisins 'New Layer' do 'Very Prime West End Layer Raisins'

Bbls English Crushed Sugar 'New Currants' Bags and Pockets choice Java Coffee

Crates and Cases Dunville Irish Whiskey Cases Kinahan's L. L. do

Cheats, Hair Chests, and Caddies New Season, Ping Sney, Young Mysore, Gunpowders, Congous, Souchongs, Color'd and Uncolor'd Japans, Imperials, Twankay, Orange, Pekoe, &c., &c.

Bags superior Arracan Rice Cases English Thumb Blue Bbls Brazil Nuts

Bags S. S. Almonds 'Walnuts' 'Filberts,'

Cases Pearl Tapioca, 'Thin's Pickles' Booth's, Betts' and Barclay's Old Tom

'John Bull Bitters' Crates Wine, Beer and Whiskey. Bottles

Cases Orange, Lemon & Citron Peel Boxes Valencia and Jordan Almonds

Cases Table Salt, in glass jars do Liqueurs, &c., &c.

AND DAILY EXPECTED

Crosse & Blackwell's Pickles, Sauces, Preserves.

The above, together with a large stock of GENERAL GROCERIES,

INCLUDING Raw and Refined Sugars, Bright and Dark Tobaccos, (in Caddies, Butts and 1/2 Butts), and

WINES & LIQUORS, COMPRISING

Pale and Dark Brandies, Hollands and Old Tom Gin, Jamaica Rum

Pale and Deep Golden Sherries, Champagnes, &c., Will be sold at unusually Low Prices to the Trade.

TERMS LIBERAL. THOMAS GRIFFITH & CO., WHOLESALE GROCERS, 39 Front Street, Toronto, Nov. 1, 1867.

Funerals, Funerals!



NATHAN TOVELL has to intimate that he is prepared to attend funerals as usual Coffins always on hand. Hearse to hire.

His Steam Flaming Mill is in constant operation. All kinds of lumber, sashes, doors, blinds, mouldings, &c. He solicits a share of public patronage.

NATHAN TOVELL, Nelson Crescent Guelpb, 27th Aug. 1867.

Valuable Building Lots for Sale IN EVERTON.

THE subscriber offers for sale, cheap for cash two valuable building lots in the Village of Everton, being No. 132 and No. 133, as laid out on the map made by Wm Haskins Esq. P. L. S.

There are two 6 1/2ths of an acre of land in the village, and being close to the Disputes' Meeting House, and in a central part of the Village, for an excellent site for building on. For terms apply at the Mercury Office, or (by letter post-paid) to DUNCAN ROBERTSON Everton P O Guelpb, Nov. 15th, 1867.

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OPPOSITE THE MARKET, GUELPH.

CHOICE LIQUORS, Cigars, Orsters, &c., &c., always on hand. Meals furnished at all hours.

DENIS BUNYAN. Guelpb, December 2, 1867. daily

H. HOGG'S FLOUR AND FEED STORE

Opposite the Market Shed. CONSTANTLY ON HAND, all kinds of Mill Feed, Chopped Peas, Middlings, Shorts, Bran,

Guelpb, Nov. 15th, 1867.

NOTICE!



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1,000 MEN WANTED

At the ELEPHANT Clothing Emporium TO FILL THOSE

OVERCOATS and PEA JACKETS

which range in price from \$3.50 upwards. During the present month

SMITH & BOTSFORD

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

Commercial Bank Bills taken at par.

SMITH & BOTSFORD.

Guelpb, 11th December, 1867.

DIRECT IMPORTATIONS

OF STAPLE AND FANCY

DRY GOODS!

AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE.

GEORGE JEFFREY

Has much pleasure in announcing the arrival of his

FALL AND WINTER STOCK!

WHICH WILL BE FOUND ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE IN CANADA. HE WOULD PARTICULARLY DIRECT ATTENTION TO A FEW DEPARTMENTS:

SILKS, Black and Coloured. REPS, PRINCESS' CLOTHS, MANTLE CLOTHS, Some things Quite New.

And every other description of Goods will be shown as they appear in the Market.

GEORGE JEFFREY.

Guelpb, September, 21st 1867.

GREAT SALE OF

BOOTS AND SHOES

SYDNEY BROWN'S

WATCHES!

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PREST & HEPBURN

WILL COMMENCE

On Monday next, 23rd Dec.,

To sell off the entire Stock of Imported Goods

At Cost and Under!

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

Whole Stock will be sold without Reserve for Cash only.

PREST & HEPBURN.

Guelpb, 16th October, 1867.

Come and See the Bargains at the

RUTHERFORD HOUSE!

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING

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

Groceries, Crockery and Liquors are Cheaper than elsewhere.

Just Arrived from Newfoundland

100 Barrels Latest Caught Labrador Herrings, 100 Half Barrels Latest Caught Labrador Herrings, which can be confidently recommended as the best imported this year. Commercial Bank Bills taken at par. Guelpb, November 14, 1867.