



Opening of Parliament.

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

OTTAWA, April 15. This day, at 3 o'clock p.m., His Excellency the Governor General proceeded in state to the Chamber of the Senate in the Parliament buildings, and took his seat upon the throne.

The members of the Senate being assembled, His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons, and that House being present, His Excellency was pleased to open the second session of the first Parliament of the Dominion of Canada with the following

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE:

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate, Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I have great satisfaction in having recourse to your advice, and I rejoice to think that on this, the first occasion on which I have had the honor of addressing you, we may congratulate ourselves on the aspect of public affairs at home and abroad, on the prevalence of peaceful councils amongst nations, and on the indications of agreement and tranquillity, favorable alike to the development of foreign commerce and the prosecution of domestic industry.

The great scheme of Confederation was successfully inaugurated under the auspices of my predecessor. It is to me a source of pride to find my name in honorable association with the rising fortunes of the Dominion of Canada, and I shall count it a happiness as well as a duty to co-operate to the utmost of my ability in furthering your efforts to strengthen the ties that bind the different Provinces together, and to ensure the attachment of the people to the soil by the enactment of wise and equal laws.

Your efforts in these directions seem now more than ever likely to be called into action, inasmuch as the terms upon which great accessions are offered to the Dominion will be submitted for your immediate consideration.

In consequence of the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos' despatch of the 8th August last year, stating that His Grace proposed to enter into negotiations with the Hudson's Bay Company, as to the terms on which they would be willing to surrender their rights and claims in the North-west Territory, Lord Monck sent home to England two members of the Privy Council as a deputation to watch the course of the proceedings and attend to the interests of Canada. The Conference in London and the correspondence on the subject have been brought to a definitive issue by the proposal which, after a full review of the circumstances, Earl Granville made, on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, for the consideration of the people of Canada and of the Hudson Bay Company. I have received the intelligence that the Hudson Bay Company has, after some deliberations, agreed upon accepting the terms laid down by the Secretary of State for the colonies. I have directed that the report of the Mission and all papers connected therewith shall be duly laid before Parliament; and I commend them to your consideration in view of the great importance of the subject, no less than in the hope that this long vexed question may be closed without further delay.

I was much gratified by communications from the Governor of Newfoundland, expressing the desire for admission into the Union which prevails amongst the inhabitants of that colony, and especially by his despatch on the 20th March last, containing copies of resolutions which have been passed by the Council and Assembly, and which set forth the conditions they consider it desirable to advance. These documents shall be furnished at once for the information of Parliament; and I hope that before the close of the session I may be in a position to submit the details of a provisional arrangement for your consideration. It will be a sensible pleasure to me as well as a subject of general congratulation, if at some early day the fine colony of Newfoundland, unrivalled as the nursery of hardy seamen and inexhaustible in its wealth of fisheries, becomes part of the Dominion.

In accordance with the suggestion of Her Majesty's Government an earnest attempt has been made to allay the discontent unhappily existing in Nova Scotia. The papers connected with this subject have been submitted for your favorable consideration.

In continuation of the course commenced last session, bills will be presented to you for the assimilation of the criminal laws existing in the several Provinces. No greater boon can be conferred on a country than a well-defined code of criminal law, of general application and easy ascertainment.

Among other measures, bills will be presented to you for the establishment of uniform and amended laws respecting Parliamentary elections, bankruptcy and insolvency and patents of invention and discovery.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons: The estimates for the expenditure of the coming year will be submitted to you. They have been framed with every economy compatible with the efficiency of the public service. I have also desired that the financial accounts of the past year shall be laid before you.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Commons: The Charters of several Banks are drawing to a close, and the important subjects of banking and currency will be brought under your notice.

In considering these questions, which so deeply affect not only the important interests of commerce, but the daily transactions of life, I feel assured that you will endeavor to adopt such principles as in their application may ensure the greatest amount of safety to the public, without curtailing the facilities requisite for the encouragement and extension of trade.

I have enumerated a variety of topics, but they are of moment, and press for decision within the limits of the session. I commit them in all confidence to your deliberate judgment, earnestly hoping that a blessing may attend your councils and enable you to discharge with dignity and effect the great trust to which the order of Providence has called you.

The newly elected members were then introduced, the usual routine business gone through with and the House adjourned.

CATTLE FAIRS.—In future fairs are to be held in the north country as follows:—At Walkerton, on the third Wednesday of each month, and at Clifford, Teviotdale and Bosworth, on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday following. The buyers will not attend any other fair on the Elora and Saugren road. The first fair will be held in Clifford, on 20th April, Teviotdale on the 30th, and at Bosworth on the 1st May next.

Dramatic Performances.

The Guelph amateurs gave a select dramatic entertainment in the Town Hall last (Thursday) night, which was well attended by a respectable and appreciative audience. The opening piece, "Temptation, or the Irish Emigrant," was capably acted by the entire cast—the rich brogue and quaint sayings of "Tim O'Bryan" bringing forth repeated bursts of laughter and applause. "Tom" and "Polly Bobalink" sustained their parts very effectively, and their acting was neither unnatural nor overstrained. The latter, with 'Mrs. Grimguskin' and 'Mary Travers', bore out the female characters they assumed quite as well as young men could do—and that is saying a good deal. 'Mr. Granite', 'Sterling', 'Henry Travers' and 'Williams', were first class performers, and carried out the personations with admirable ease and naturalness. In addition, we may add that the costumes, as well as the scenery, were very appropriate, agreeing exactly with the characters played. The scenery also was well painted, and reflected much credit on the designers. At the close of 'Temptation' Mr. Thomas H. Taylor recited Gough's celebrated temperance sketch, 'Going over Niagara Falls,' and did so with great effect, calling forth rounds of applause. By request, Mr. Taylor also read an original poem called 'Little Jim.' The amusing farce of 'Turn him out' pleased the audience vastly, and certainly the inimitable swill, 'Charles Augustus Roseleaf,' the homely 'Nicomedeus Nobbe,' and 'Mackintosh Moke' deserved all the encomiums they received. 'Julia' and 'Susan,' the latter of whom sang a diverting song, are also worthy of all praise. On the whole, the performance last night was by far the best ever given by the Club—and the members have shown us that the more experience they have of theatricals the better they become; and when next they appear upon 'the boards,' we may look for still greater proficiency. Prof. Vale's quadrille band were in attendance, and added to the interest of the occasion by the playing of a number of popular airs.

Grand Exhibition

Prof. Graves, far-famed Educated Horse at the Drill Shed in this City, is giving a grand exhibition of his best trained horse in America, should be on hand. Good seats reserved for the ladies. Admittance 15 cents. Children under ten years 10 cents. Come early and get a good seat. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Performance to commence at a quarter to 8 o'clock, precisely. Immediately after the public exhibition, a private class will be formed, and that terrible kicking mare of Mr. Walker West's will be broken. All who have tickets for the class and those who wish to get them should be on hand early.

N. B.—Bad horses handled only before the private class.

PRESENTATION.—The Elora Express says that on the evening of Saturday last the Rev. C. E. Thompson, incumbent of St. John's Church, in that village, was presented with a handsome new buggy, from the carriage shop of Mr. Geo. A. Bruce, Guelph. The vehicle is neatly and substantially built, and just exactly what the esteemed gentleman most required.

THE TORONTO TELEGRAPH.—This paper, which during the three years of its existence, has met with success almost unparalleled in the history of journalism on this continent, appeared on Thursday last in a new and enlarged form, which gives greater facilities than it before found for the publication of all the passing events of the day. The Telegraph is well edited, and its news department is always spicy and interesting. Its police court reports have alone made it famous; and now, with renewed enterprise and improvement, there is no doubt of the future success of the Telegraph.

MARRIAGES.

McMASTER—CLEGG.—At the Glen, the residence of the bride's father, Paisley Block, on the 14th inst., by the Rev. W. S. Ball, Mr. A. McMaster, of Minto, to Mary, daughter of Mr. Robert Clegg.

New Advertisements.

1869. SPRING 1869

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DRY GOODS

Seasonable and New.

W.M. STEWART

Has now a full shop of NEW DRY GOODS, purchased and imported.

DIRECT FROM THE

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W. S. gives the BEST VALUE and GREATEST

BARGAINS

Of any House in the trade.

Terms Strictly Cash.

Special attention called to a lot of Nottingham

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Guelph, 16th April, dw

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WHOLESALE.

We are now receiving our Spring Importations of

Crockery, China and Glassware!

Cutlery, Plated Ware, and Fancy Goods.

The above Goods have been purchased by one of the firm in the best Markets of Britain, and will for cheapness and quality compare with any other House in the Dominion. We respectfully solicit a call.

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The whole Stock must be sold within 20 days!

Being obliged to give up this branch of business in order to meet the wants of my rapidly increasing

GROCERY AND FRUIT TRADE!

GREAT BARGAINS WILL BE GIVEN!

In order to secure a speedy sale.

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JUST RECEIVED AT

THORNTON'S

NEW CHEAP BOOKSTORE,

Near the Post Office.

Guelph, April 16. daw tf

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Opposite the Market House.

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To Travellers Going South South or West in the United States.

The undersigned is authorized to sell TICKETS to any point South or West by the popular and safe line

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD.

FARES CHEAP, and Tickets good for any reasonable time.

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GUELPH, Ontario.

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Guelph, April 1, 1869. daw tf

STRAW AND SILK MILLINERY.

MISS LAWRENCE,

(Successor to Mrs. Wm. Pringle),

Will for the present season carry on the business in all its branches at the rooms lately occupied by Mrs. Pringle, a few doors north of the Post Office, Douglas Street, Guelph.

Guelph, 31st March, dw

CAUTION.

Whereby notify all parties against purchasing or negotiating a promissory note made by me to William Hoover or order for the sum of \$100, dated the 3rd of March, 1869, and payable at my office seven months after date, as I have received no value for the same, and shall not pay it.

F. PREST. dw

BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.

CHURCH-ST. - GUELPH

MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open on the 5th of April.

Guelph, 27th March, 1869. do

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PRICES DOWN AT

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Coal Oil 35c. per gallon

By five gallons.

Single Gallon, - - 40 cents

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Opposite the Market.

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At DAY'S BOOKSTORE,

OPPOSITE THE MARKET.

Guelph, 9th April. dw

PUBLIC NOTICE. All ACCOUNTS unpaid by the 30th of APRIL will be put in suit for collection. JAMES MASSIE & CO. Guelph, 9th April, 1869

1869. SPRING. 1869. BRITANNIA RULES the WAVE AN EPOCH IN THE HISTORY OF GUELPH THE MOST EXTENSIVE IMPORTERS OF DRY GOODS IN ONTARIO. The Old Maxim still in the ascendant: SMALL PROFITS & QUICK RETURNS

BRITANNIA HOUSE THIS IS NO BLOWING, BUT REAL AND INDISPUTABLE. It would be useless for us to attempt laying before the public a complete catalogue of the Many thousand different classes of Goods Now in stock, suffice it to say, that the store is literally crammed. Come and see for yourselves. A cordial invitation is extended to all. One visit is sufficient to convince the most incredulous that

HEFFERNAN BROTHERS Are the right men in the right place. Buying for two of the largest Dry Goods establishments in Canada, we are enabled to sell our Goods at the same prices which smaller dealers have to pay for them. LOOK OUT FOR THE GRAND OPENING OF OUR MAGNIFICENT

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SPRING & SUMMER GOODS JUST ARRIVED AT THE BRADFORD HOUSE A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF PLAIN AND FANCY DRESS GOODS! SECOND TO NONE FOR STYLE AND QUALITY. ALSO, A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF HOOP-SKIRTS! In all the leading Styles, very Cheap. PHILIP BISH, BRADFORD HOUSE. Wyndham Street, Guelph, Apr dw

Jeannie Sinclair, OR, THE LILY OF THE STRATH. CHAPTER XXI.

THE TRIAL—A VERDICT OF GUILTY—CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

The Circuit Court was held at Shawhead in a few weeks, and Lynedoch strove with feverish desperation to stand his trial then, and not have it put off till the spring.

His efforts were successful, his trial was appointed for the ensuing Circuit, and it now behooved him to provide for his defence.

Not a word was said by either until the jailer had unlocked the door and was gone, then Lynedoch burst forth impetuously—'So you have come at last! Why the deuce have you been so long, and me in this cursed extremity? When your own turn comes to be within view of the hangman's halter you'll know what delay is. I expected you yesterday—why didn't you come then?'

'Because to-day is the market, when I had business, and I have saved myself the double journey.'

'You found your cold blooded calculations! What was two such journeys to my infernal strait? Considering all things, I looked for you to come without bidding.'

'And so I meant to do, but I didn't think a day or two would make any difference.'

'Didn't you? If you were cooped up in this filthy hole as I am, and with such a charge hanging over you, you would change your opinion precious quick.'

'Whose fault is it that you are cooped up here? responded the factor, petulently. 'It's nobody's fault but your own. You have got your own clumsiness and stupidity to blame for it, and though there is every appearance that I am to be a loser by it, you speak as if I had injured you, instead of you injuring me.'

'Injuring you?' repeated Lynedoch. 'Confound it, Mr. M'Quirk, what mean you?'

'Haven't you spoiled the whole game we have been playing together? The prospect is gone of my niece being the mistress of Bagley Bastle, and all the money I have lent you is lost, irretrievably lost, except what may be received as the value of the Tower, and the moorland farm, which goes with it. But that won't be much—nothing, absolutely nothing, to the sums I have lent you.'

'Hell and hells!' roared Lynedoch. 'Are you concerned only about your paltry money, when my life is in danger?'

'That's just why I am concerned, because your life is in danger. In fact, it may be considered gone, and my chance with it. Who should be concerned about that, I should like to know, but me? How could you do the thing so clumsy? Why, you couldn't have done the thing worse had you wanted the deed to be known.'

'Can you, do you wish to drive me mad? What signifies jibing and jawing as you are doing. The whole plan and the doing of it was safe enough, but for the chance of that vagabond gipsy being on the spot. Who was to think of anybody being on the top of the ruin, or within ten miles of us? I tell you, M'Quirk, it is that wretched gipsy that has brought the business to light, and a rare good thing would it have been for me had he fallen and broke his neck.'

'Yes, but he didn't, grumbled M'Quirk. 'Instead of that, he went and told everything, and through his story the fullest evidence of the murder was brought to light.'

'And I am brought into this cursed position, said Lynedoch, grinding his teeth. 'But 'tis no use reflecting on the wit and on the wherefore. Our business is to set about getting me out of it.'

'Out of it!' echoed M'Quirk. 'You can't get out of it. The evidence is complete and overwhelming. There is not a jury in the country will acquit you.'

'Is that all the consolation you have to give me?' returned Lynedoch, with a savage sneer. 'If I had a right to cry for sympathy and comfort from any one it was from you, seeing the share you have had in the business.'

'Me a share in it?' exclaimed M'Quirk. 'That's false. What share had I?'

'The share of the tempter. You knew well enough what I meant to do, and incited me to do it.'

'dear! I stand clear. I had nothing to do with it. Nothing whatever.'

'Oh, I know you are clear enough in the eye of the law. You were too prudent to put your neck in danger, but you goaded me on nevertheless, and now that accident has bro't disaster you taunt me. But enough of this. I did not send for you to reproach or to creak evil forebodings, but to get you to take measures for my defence. An advocate from Edinburgh must be got. The ablest of them.'

'He won't come without a sweeping fee. 'Of course he won't, but you will advance.'

'Me advance, me throw away more money?' cried the factor. 'Not one farthing. I tell you, Lynedoch Sinclair, were you to bring all the Edinburgh bar to plead for you, it would be useless. There's not the least bit of flaw to make a hole for your escape, and think you I will advance money that I know full well will be lost? I was a fool to advance what I did, but there was then a hope for reimbursement. Now there is none. Look ye here, Mr Sinclair, added M'Quirk, drawing a parchment from his pocket, 'there is a bond over your property which I have prepared, and which I want you to sign. It won't make up for the loans you have had, for the land is worth very little; but it lies on the outskirts of Cloverlea, which will soon be mine, and the two together will make not such a bad property. Here is pen and ink, and there at that cross is where you will write your name.'

Lynedoch silently took the paper and examined it.

'Hum!' he muttered. 'The deed is dated six months back. How comes that?'

'Because it would not be valid if dated true. A man in your position can't bond his property. You understand?'

'Perfectly,' returned Lynedoch, and with a fearful oath, he tore the parchment into shreds, and scattered the fragments through the cell. 'Jacob M'Quirk,' he hissed through his clenched teeth, 'you are a cunning, selfish, heartless old miser, and there is a devil in my heart tempting me to strangle you.'

'God bless me, what does this mean?' cried the factor, with a look of nervous anxiety. 'I—I wish the jailer would come.'

'When I get out of this trouble,' added Lynedoch, 'don't you dare to presume to come near me. Our connection is at an end, and for ever.'

In answer to the factor's agitated knocking, the jailer appeared, much to M'Quirk's relief, and almost without the form of leaving-taking he went off, leaving Lynedoch once more to his own reflections.

TO BE CONTINUED.

The inertia of the Leader has at last yielded to the spirit of the times, and on Thursday afternoon it was published in the same size as the morning edition. It is time for some such move on its part, as the Telegraph is becoming a dangerous rival.

TO THOSE AFFLICTED WITH CORNS.—We have heard but one expression of opinion with regard to the success of Dr. Briggs' Curative for diseases of the feet. All agree that it gives entire satisfaction, and affords them immediate relief. To those suffering from imperfections on their pedal extremities, we say, try it at once. All troubled with corns, bunions and such like diseases, who desire to be cured, should buy and use the curative according to directions, and then pain will cease. Sold by B. Harvey, Guelph, and druggists generally: Price, 50c.

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Epp's Homeopathic Cocoa!

Taylor's Chocolate

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Guelph, 14th April.

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OF NEW BOOKS

OPENED THIS WEEK

All of which will be sold at our usual low prices

At DAY'S BOOKSTORE

Opposite the Market, Guelph.

Guelph, April 9, 1869.

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To the Inhabitants of Guelph, and many others.

The subscriber hereby tenders his sincere thanks for the extensive patronage he has received during the time he has been in business, commencing in July, 1852, and ending in March, 1869. I have now sold my place, and my interest therein, to Mr JOHN SOLE, whom I recommend as my successor, hoping he will receive the same liberal patronage which has been my privilege to experience. Mr Sole intends to occupy the old stand, and carry on the Baking and Groceries business, and hopes with due attention to merit with the kind support of the public.

JOHN SOLE, dw2w

Guelph, 6th April, 1869.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

With reference to the above, the subscriber begs to state that having succeeded to the above business, so long carried on by Mr Wright, he hopes by strict attention to it, and by consulting the wants of the public, to continue to receive the patronage of all Mr Wright's old customers, and of the community generally.

JOHN SOLE, dw2w

Guelph, 6th April.

LUMBER YARD.

Upper Wyndham-st, Guelph.

OLD FACE IN THE OLD PLACE.

The subscriber begs to inform the public that he has commenced the lumber business in the old stand occupied by GOWDY & STEWART.

Where all kinds of Lumber will be kept constantly on hand. Bills cut to order on short notice.

Also, Water Lime and Calcine Plaster, and Flour and Feed

of all kinds cheap for cash as usual. By strict attention to business, he trusts to share a part of public patronage.

FRANCIS SMALL, dwly

Guelph, April 3, 1869.

LUMBER, LUMBER.

GOWDY & STEWART,

In returning their sincere thanks to their numerous customers for past favors, beg to inform them that to enable them to carry on their steadily increasing business, they have found it necessary to REMOVE to the large and long established Lumber Yard of THOMAS MCRAE, Esq., in rear of the Alma Block.

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They invite from intending purchasers an inspection of their large stock.

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Guelph, 3rd April, 1869.

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Any Quantity of Stone on Hand and Cut to Order.

To suit purchasers. All orders left at the store of Hirsch & Kennedy, Produce Merchants, West Market Square, Guelph, will receive prompt attention.

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Guelph, April 1.

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GREAT EXCITEMENT.

Billiard Hall Refitted New Style Tables Exhibition Twice a Week

AT O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL.

Guelph, 23rd February

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Applications will be received by the undersigned up till TUESDAY the 20th instant, for the situation of caretaker of all the public schools in town, including the Grammar School. His duty will be to scrub each school-room once a month, sweep each school-room once a day, and keep them perfectly clean, cutting the wood, lighting the fire, and such other duties as may be found necessary. All stipends necessary to perform the work of cleaning so be provided by the board—Salary \$250 a year, with house rent and firewood.

HOBST TORRANCE, Secretary.

Guelph, 13th April.

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THE 15th DAY OF APRIL

NOW IS THE TIME TO GET BARGAINS.

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Well-known \$1 Tea for 90c. per lb.

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A Beautiful Tea Set for \$3.

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Guelph, 2nd April, 1869.

Guelph, Ontario.

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We are safe in saying that no other House in the business in Guelph can approach the variety of our Stock to select from; and the prices at which our entire Stock will be offered must command immediate sale.

We are desirous of impressing this fact upon all intending buyers, that it is UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE for any other House in the Trade TO COMPETE WITH US, for this reason: We have no second profit to pay; we buy direct from the Manufacturers in Britain ourselves; and as all others in the Dry Goods business here purchase their Goods at second hand from wholesale houses in Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton, paying these importers their profit (as a profit they must have,) and then adding their own profit on before selling you the Goods here, it certainly cannot fail to convince you of the great truth that we assert, that our Goods must be at least twenty per cent under ordinary prices in other Stores in Guelph.

A call is respectfully solicited, when we feel confident that we will show you to your entire satisfaction that we are working for the mutual advantage of each.

Yours very respectfully,

HOGG & CHANCE.

Guelph, March 20.

GUELPH CLOTH HALL!

SHAW & MURTON

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CHOICE SELECTION OF

SPRING AND SUMMER COATINGS, VESTINGS, TROUSERINGS, SILK HATS, DRAB HATS, FELT HATS, TWEED CAPS,

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ALL ORDERS executed in the LATEST STYLES, with the BEST OF TRIMMINGS AND WORKMANSHIP.

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which produces a variety of very brilliant orchestral effect, including remarkable imitation of stringed instruments; also the Latest approach to the peculiarly sympathetic, rich and attractive quality of a cultivated but an voice yet attained in any instrument. The facilities and resources of the Mason & Hamlin Company are now so great that they can afford to undertake to furnish not only the best, but also the Lowest Priced Organs made. Every Instrument is fully warranted for five years, and furnished at prices ranging from \$50 to \$1000 and upwards.

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Guelph, 12th April, 1869.

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GO TO J. & D. MARTIN'S.

POTATOES, SPLIT PEAS,

GRANULATED WHEAT AND BARLEY

ALWAYS ON HAND AT

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OF THE

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RETAIL GROCERY!

SOME of his friends may think it a trifle too soon for JOHN A. WOOD to cry Success at so early a season; but this he can assure them, that

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Guelph, April 1, 1869.

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CHIEF OFFICES—19 & 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.

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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.

Claims are paid one month after Proof of Death.

By a recent Act of Parliament a Wife can now hold a Policy on the life of her Husband free from all other claims.

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Trotter & Graham, Agents for

Guelph, Feb. 6 1869.

THE EMIGRATION MOVEMENT.

The Commissioner of Agriculture for Ontario, in making the necessary preparations for the reception of emigrants this season, has issued a circular to the heads of municipalities throughout the Province, and others, requesting an early return of the number of persons in various sections for whom employment can be found. We append a copy of the circular:

Department of Agriculture and Public Works for Ontario.

Toronto, April 14th, 1869.

To the Editor of the Guelph Mercury.

DEAR SIR.—In view of an anticipated extensive immigration of the industrial classes of this Province from Europe, and especially from Great Britain during the coming season, I am anxious to ascertain, so far as possible, the actual demands for the various descriptions of labour in the different sections of the Province of Ontario.

The government is desirous of furthering, by every prudential means, a healthy immigration. To the industrious immigrant, either with or without capital, it is desirable that every possible encouragement should be afforded, and in a way that will not lessen the feeling of honorable independence on the part of the recipient. In this view, the greatest benefit which can be conferred upon industrious emigrants is to provide them with work at fair rates of remuneration. It is here that the government, and the municipal authorities can render essential aid, the latter by furnishing information as to where and to what extent labor is required; the former by imparting that information to immigrants on their arrival, and if need be, by assisting them to reach those sections where the demand for labor exists.

I shall be glad if you will, after consultation with the council of your municipality, and with such other persons as you may deem necessary, fill up the annexed blank schedule, with the number of the different classes of laborers and servants for whom employment can be found, and return the same to this department as early a day as possible.

The returns, when received, will be duly registered, and immigrants on their arrival will be distributed to the different parts of the Province, in accordance with the requisition of the local authorities.

It is believed that in this way by a hearty co-operation between the government and the various municipal councils, and in connection with efforts which the government is now making for diffusing in the old world information in relation to this Province, a large number of emigrants can be induced to come here, and can be supplied with work immediately on their arrival, and thus be prompted to remain as permanent settlers in the country.

Invoking your hearty and earnest assistance in this effort to promote the prosperity of the Province of Ontario, I am, your obedient servant,

JOHN CARLING, Commissioner.

A blank form has also been sent, requesting that the same may be filled up with the probable number of emigrants that may find homes and employment in the municipality in question, with the average winter and summer wages that are likely to be paid, and arranged under the following heads, viz: day laborers, to whom continuous employment can be assured during the whole year; day laborers, who can be assured of employment only during the busy seasons of the year; laborers by the month, including board, &c.; female servants; mechanics, specifying the kind and number of each.

American Despatches

NEW YORK, April 16.—The Tribune says Gen. Sickles was tendered by the President a command to the South, the mission to Mexico and the mission to Spain, all of which he declined, preferring to leave the army and retire to civil life. Herald's special says that Secretary Fish seems determined to pursue the correct course in regard to the protection of the rights of the American citizens abroad, and particularly respecting those cases growing out of the recent occurrences in the vicinity of Cuba. If the reported outrages and insults to our flag prove to be founded on facts, Mr. Fish will demand reparation promptly. Advice from St. Marie state that a French war steamer has arrived, bringing news of the sinking of the Galatea, one of Salnave's blockaders, by the Insurgents. Tribune's special says that letters have been received from prominent Cuban leaders in which the utmost confidence in their ultimate success is expressed. An important manifestation is being prepared by the provisional government, setting forth the present position of the Revolution; what they are struggling for; the wrongs of tyranny under which they suffer; and appealing for recognition to the United States.

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COMMERCIAL.

Guelph Markets.

MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, April 15, 1869.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including Flour, Wheat, Barley, Hay, Straw, Eggs, Butter, Cheese, etc.

Money Market.

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE, Guelph, April 14, 1869. Gold, 135 1/2. Greenbacks at 74 1/2 to 75 1/2, sold at 75 1/2 to 76 1/2.

MONTREAL MARKET.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's report by spec Telegram to Evening Mercury, MONTREAL, April 15, 1869. Flour—Extra, \$4 55 to \$5 10; Fancy, \$4 60 to \$4 70; Welland Canal Superfine, \$4 50 to \$4 65.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, April 14. Fall wheat, \$1 00 to \$1 05; spring wheat, \$0 93 to \$0 98; flour, No. 1 super \$4 05; extra \$4 50; barley \$1 10; peas, 75c to 78c; oats, 51c to 58c.

HAMILTON MARKETS.

HAMILTON, April 14. Barley, 1 10 to 1 25; peas, 0 65 to 0 80; oats, 52c to 53c; spring wheat, 0 87 to 0 88; white wheat, 0 95 to 0 00; red winter, 0 90 to 0 90.

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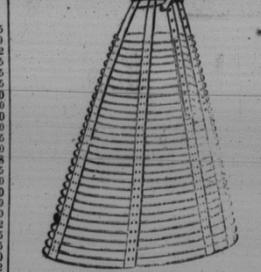
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