

THE NORTH-WEST.

For many a long year tedious negotiations have been carried on between the British and Canadian Governments respecting the acquisition of the great North-West territory to its rightful owner, Canada, but hitherto without material results. While the exodus of our young men to the States and elsewhere still continues and increases year by year, one of the most fertile portions of the American continent nominally under British rule is suffered to remain in all its primitive wildness and uncultivation, save and except a few spots where hardy and adventurous settlers have made a home; in the expectation that the whole of the country would soon be occupied. While the Imperial Government pays due respect to the hearing of our delegates and arguments in favor of territorial acquisition for Canada, our enemies also have the ear of the government, and their representatives in the Parliament and Cabinet—and between the parties the Government seems to be dazed, and official red-tapism called forth by the arguments and counter arguments elicited on both sides of the question. Our claim has been often reiterated in their ears, and they have refused to do us justice. But it must be remembered that British statesmen have to take thought for two hundred millions of subjects, and that a matter that is of vital interest to these Provinces elicits little attention elsewhere throughout the empire. Add to this that the monopolists of the North-West have many specious arguments to bear on their side of the question, which they have steadily kept in view of the British officials, and we can easily account for the mantle of the circumspection office being thrown over the vast regions known under the general name of the North-West.

There have been so many disappointments and false rumors about the terms which the Hudson Bay Company would demand, that the despatch sent over the Atlantic cable the other day must be received very cautiously. The sum said to be offered to the Company for their territorial rights is £300,000, which, all circumstances considered, is not an unreasonable sum, if the figures are rightly given. This is probably the result of the efforts of Sir George E. Cartier and Mr. Macdougall, who have spent several months in England, negotiating with the Company and with two successive British Governments, and it is to be hoped that the terms offered by Earl Granville will meet with acceptance by the Hudson's Bay Company.

If the Company persist in their old course of dogged obstinacy the people of Canada have an easy way of settling the dispute by going into the country and taking possession; and instead of our young men betaking themselves to distant parts of the American Republic, they would find the magnificent prairies of the North-West to present a capital field for the display of their industry. A little pluck is all that is necessary at first, for after a settlement is once made good roads and every other requisite will shortly follow. A more practical way of settling the dispute cannot be devised; and if the monopolists continue to decline a fair bargain with the British and Canadian governments, they will have themselves to blame if their pleasant dreams are rudely dispelled by the advent into the North-West region of thousands of industrious settlers, determined to make a home there for themselves and for their children.

Destitution in Guelph.

It is a fact that has long been a source of regret to our citizens, that in accordance with the promise made a few days since, we have collected some facts regarding the destitution existing in this town, which we deem it proper to lay before the benevolent public, the majority of whom are probably unaware that there are many families in our midst suffering from sickness and want, and utterly unable to do anything for their own relief. Just at this season, when the severity of winter is over, the necessities and miseries of the poor are too apt to be comparatively forgotten. During the bitter days and nights of midwinter, those who enjoy the blessings of comfort and plenty are more likely to reflect upon, and be more zealous to relieve the necessities, than just now when perhaps really the greatest need of assistance exists. Many who have struggled through the long winter, now find their means completely exhausted, and no employment to be obtained; others again have been prostrated for months by sickness of such a nature that even though recovered they are shrunken while others are cripples or confirmed invalids. Even if all were well and able to work, at this transition period between winter and summer, when every kind of business is dull, there is absolutely no labor to be had—hence, if speedy help be not rendered starvation will stare many a poor family in the face. We give the outline of a few cases recently brought under our notice merely

as types as dozens of others equally urgent. One poor woman, a widow, who has two little children depending on her labors for support, found upon the streets a poor fatherless, motherless wail, stricken with the small pox. With a charity sublime in its self sacrifice, she took the little fellow home, nursed him and saved him. Now nobody will employ her, and she and her little ones are suffering.

In another home, on one of the coldest days last week, we are assured that the only food for a family of famishing children was a few cold potatoes. There was not a spark of fire, and the mother was out in the woods gathering fallen branches which she had to carry home on her shoulders. Their next meal had to be earned or begged.

A third case is that of a poor widow with two children. During the winter both these latter have had the small pox, and for a long time, we are told, their principal food has been bread and water. As in the former case work could not be had even after the disease had completely passed away. Meanwhile the rent of the rickety shanty and other bills have accumulated beyond all possibility of present liquidation by the widow without assistance, and she will soon have neither food nor shelter.

But the other day, a little girl about ten years old came to the house of one of our citizens with a basket on her arm. It contained a miscellaneous collection of stale meat, cold potatoes and turnips, mouldy crusts, &c., such as some of our dainty dogs would turn from in disgust. She was one of a family of seven, and at that hour (four o'clock in the afternoon) not one of them had eaten anything that day. All winter they had been living from hand to mouth. For two days the father had got no work, and the result was starvation or beggary. Though the day was cold and the snow deep the poor child's feet were visible through her gaping shoes, and her only protection from the piercing winds was a print dress and an old straw hat. How many more are there in our town no better fed or clad?

We must not be understood to ignore the existence and most laudable efforts of the Ladies' Benevolent Society. It has done a noble christian work among the poor of the town during the winter, and still continues its benevolent labors. But the means at its disposal are altogether inadequate to relieve the distress that must be expected to exist here and there among a population of six or seven hundred. Besides, it cannot supersede the necessity for private charity, nor was it ever intended to do so. A wide field for individual benevolence is still open; and we hope that among such a population as ours it will not be neglected.

Wm. Reynolds, Esq., the oldest settler in Pilkington has removed to the township of Oxford, where he has purchased a farm near the Lake Erie shore. Mr. Reynolds was held in high esteem by all who knew him, and his departure is much regretted.

BY TELEGRAPH
Terrible Disaster on the Pacific Ocean.

Two Hundred and Seventy Lives Lost.

LATEST DESPATCH.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29th, 1869. The steamer Great Republic arrived here last night from China. She brings news that the steamer Heron, of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, was wrecked on the 13th February on an unknown reef outside the harbour of Yokohama. Two hundred and seventy lives were lost. The vessel is a total loss and nothing whatever was saved. Mr. Chase, the first officer, is among the lost. The Heron was under a Japanese charter, and had four hundred passengers. She had a large number of Japanese troops on board—all of whom were drowned.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.
COULSON HOUSE,
GUELPH, March 29, 1869.

The following are the arrivals at the Coulson House up to 10:30 this morning: J. McIntyre, Montreal; R. C. Stinson; Hamilton; A. C. McMillan, Mount Forest; J. Wright, London; J. F. Cross, Fergus; J. Goodwillie, Georgetown; W. Whyte, Arthur; C. Morton, Montreal; J. R. Hall, Dundas; R. Watson, Toronto; W. Frail, Hamilton; J. Stephenson, Buffalo; A. Elliot, London; J. Campbell, Mt. Forest; Mrs. Young, Paisley.

DIED.

Wilson, At Stratford, on the 29th March, Elizabeth, wife of Mr. James Wilson, late of Eden Mills, aged 41 years.

New Advertisements.

BOOKS LOST. Lost yesterday afternoon a silver BROOCH, Scotch Braid, &c. The finder will be rewarded for leaving it at D. Naismith's, Wyndham Street, Guelph, 29th March.

FARM WANTED. Wanted in the Township of Guelph or Eramosa a farm of from 150 to 200 acres. Address, giving all particulars, and stating price and terms, to J. C. Colvill, Esq., Guelph.

SITUATION WANTED. As housekeeper of necessary governess in a respectable family. Remuneration not of so much consequence as comfortable home. Enquire of Mr. Wells, Post Office, Guelph.

BOARD WANTED. Board wanted, in a private family in town, by a young lady. Apply at this office.

BOARDERS. Board can be had for a lady and gentleman, or three gentlemen, at Mrs. LAIDLAW'S, near the stable works.

MEXICAN EVER-BEARING STRAWBERRY
WM. STEVENSON,
Nurseryman, Guelph.
HAVING been appointed Agent for the sale of this remarkable plant for the County of Wellington, is prepared to take orders to be delivered this Spring at
\$2.50 per Dozen.
Orders containing sworn receipts as to its peculiar bearing qualities from June until frost to be had on application.
WM. STEVENSON, Nurseryman.
Guelph, 29th March.

APPLES AND POTATOES

No. 2, 2000 Sap Buckets No. 2,
At E. CARROLL & CO'S,
No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

No. 2, 1000 Bbls SALT, No. 2,
At E. CARROLL & CO'S,
No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

No. 2, 1000 Bags SALT, No. 2,
At E. CARROLL & CO'S,
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No. 2, Tons Paris and Caledonia PLASTER, No. 2,
At E. CARROLL & CO'S,
No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph.

No. 2, CLOVER & TIMOTHY SEED, No. 2,
At E. CARROLL & CO'S,
No. Day's Block, Guelph.

AT J. & D. MARTIN'S

Wyndham Street, Guelph, 24th March.

SALE BY AUCTION.

AUCTION SALE OF
Fancy Goods!
AND STATIONERY.
AT CLARKE'S MUSIC STORE.
THIS EVENING.

W. WARNER CLARKE,
Guelph, March 21.

CLOVER AND TIMOTHY.

FARMERS.

Buy your Clover and Timothy at

HUGH WALKER'S

Good Seed at a Small Price.
HUGH WALKER,
Guelph, March 21

LADIES!
The House Renovating Season is near at hand.

WALL PAPER!
10,000 Rolls at my prices
3,000 " at your prices
2,000 " at any price.

THORNTON'S

New Cheap Bookstore.
Guelph, March 22.

SUGARS and SYRUPS

REDUCED IN PRICE
JOHN A. WOOD
Alma Block and Lower Wyndham-st.

NEW PROVISION STORE!

West Market Square,
(Adjoining John Hart's).
FLOUR, FEED

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

Application for the offices of
TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER
will be received until half past seven o'clock on MONDAY the 5th day of April next.

BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.

MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open on the 5th of April.
Guelph, 27th March, 1869.

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CARD.
JAMES JESSIE CO. having disposed of all their Retail Grocery business in the Alma Block and Day's Block, I beg to inform you that I have purchased their long established Family Grocery Business, No. 1, Day's Block, so successfully carried on under my management.
By keeping the very best class of Goods at the lowest possible prices, and by close personal attention to the business, I hope to receive the continued favors of all old customers, with an increased patronage from the general public.
JOHN RISK.
Guelph, 16th March, 1869.

1869. 1869.

SPRING IMPORTATIONS.

NEW GOODS.

301 Cases and Bales at the Golden Lion.

Newest Styles and Designs in Fancy and Staple Dry Goods,
And bought by our MR. CHANCE, with great care, in the FIRST BRITISH MARKETS, and direct from the Manufacturers, all of which will be opened out, and on inspection at our store here in the course of a week or so.

HOGG AND CHANCE.

Our Business will be Conducted Strictly on the One-Price Principle
Guelph, March 2, 1869.

JUST RECEIVED, THE NEWEST STYLES OF

HATS & CAPS

GUELPH CLOTH HALL,

SHAW & MURTON.

AT THE
WYNDHAM STREET.

CANNED PEACHES! YELLOW REFINED SUGAR!

CANNED CORN, CANNED TOMATOES,
Dry Crushed Sugar, Pulverized Sugar, Maple Sugar,
AT E. O'DONNELL & CO'S
Guelph, 29th March.

LOST OR STOLEN.

Answers to the name of "Boney" had on a leather collar with a brass ring. Whoever returns him to George Wood, butcher, will be rewarded. If found in any person's possession after this notice, they will be prosecuted.
Guelph, March 21, 1869.

Jeannie Sinclair, THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

CHAPTER XVIII. THE MURDER IN THE FALCON'S CLUTCH. After the departure of the gold-seekers...

This event being over, the only thing the people of the Strath had to talk about was the coming marriage between Jeannie Sinclair and the Baronet of Bagley...

Now, however, the dwellers of the Strath and of the whole district were to be electrified by a tragic deed—a terrible crime...

One there was who listened with hardest lips and a scowling countenance to the gossip respecting the forthcoming marriage of Sir Fergus Sinclair...

Was this to be submitted to? Was the deed of abducting the infant heir, long years ago, to fail of its purpose?

Yes, it had at length come to that, Lynedoch Sinclair deliberately contemplated his cousin's murder.

He did not overlook the risk and danger of doing such a deed. He was aware it required to be done stealthily...

He looked for being naturally suspected, but if no evidence was to be had, he was prepared to bear the suspicion.

What cared he for local gossip? What had to provide against the danger of discovery—the consequences of which were to appalling to contemplate.

It was a partner with \$5,000 or \$6,000 cash. A splendid opening for a practical man.

ORANGES, FIGS, RAISINS, NUTS of all kinds, For sale cheap.

STAMPING DONE TO ORDER. Mrs. Robinson.

DRIED APPLES, White Beans, Factory Cheese, Fresh Butter and Eggs.

AT E. O'DONNELL & CO'S. Guelph, 29th March.

MONEY TO LEND. The undersigned are requested to obtain Farm Securities for several thousand dollars...

CAUTION. I hereby notify all parties against purchasing or negotiating a promissory note made by me to William Hoover...

On Thursday last there remained between the rapidly approaching ends of the Pacific Railway a gap of only eighty-two miles.

AUCTION SALE OF FURNITURE!

Mr. W. S. G. KNOWLES. Instructed to offer for sale by public auction at the late residence of the subscriber...

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1869. The following valuable household furniture, viz: 2 bedsteads and bedding, hair and spring mattresses, parlor and bedroom carpets...

Terms cash. Sat: to commence at 1 p.m. Guelph, March 24, 1869. J. O'CONNOR, did.

Sunshine and Shadow

Cloth, Gilt Edge. For Two Dollars. The most Spacious and Elegant Grocery in the Dominion of Canada.

And having (thanks to the liberality of his friends and customers for the last twelve years) bought the stock on very favorable terms.

He is able and determined to take the lead in the Grocery Trade in Guelph.

Many of the Goods will be sold at less than they would cost to lay down at the present time.

ALL THE MAGAZINES FOR MARCH AT CUTHBERT'S

Wanted fully to buy Magazines when you can get the reading of them.

FOR \$1 A YEAR. SUBSCRIBE TO HIS CIRCULATING LIBRARY!

Subscriptions, and letters wishing the library success, from all parts of the county, are received daily.

Wellington Boot & Shoe Manufactory. JOHN A. McMILLAN

Has much pleasure in informing the public that he is prepared to fill orders for EVERY DESCRIPTION OF Boots & Shoes!

For Spring and Summer Trade. All home manufacture, and as cheap as any home in Toronto or Montreal.

Dealers in Boots and Shoes are requested to call and examine my Stock and Price before ordering elsewhere.

WANTED. A Partner, with \$5,000 or \$6,000 cash. A splendid opening for a practical man.

DOMINION STORE. Mrs. ROBINSON. Has just received a fresh supply of

ORANGES, FIGS, RAISINS, NUTS of all kinds, For sale cheap.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

ALMA BLOCK RETAIL GROCERY! WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

Having leased of Mr. Massie. The most Spacious and Elegant Grocery in the Dominion of Canada.

And having (thanks to the liberality of his friends and customers for the last twelve years) bought the stock on very favorable terms.

He is able and determined to take the lead in the Grocery Trade in Guelph.

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TEAS, TEAS! AT A VERY SLIGHT ADVANCE.

SUGARS AND SYRUPS. Will be sold at market rates.

FRESH COFFEES! CHEAP AND GENUINE.

And as he intends to confine himself strictly to the Retail, no Goods will be bought but those of guaranteed quality.

THE WINES & LIQUORS. Are all sound and of good age, carefully selected, and guaranteed genuine.

The Crockery and Glassware Department. Has also received great attention in selecting such Goods as are useful and necessary in every household.

My Store on Wyndham Street will still be carried on in the same principles as hitherto, giving a good article at a fair price.

THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID A VISIT TO THE ALMA BLOCK

RETAIL GROCERY! Should do so at once, as I promise them that we will sell at low rates, owing to the great facilities for buying which we possess over any other store in Guelph.

RECOLLECT, my friends, that although this is a NEW STORE, I am not a stranger to you. With one exception, I am the oldest Grocer in the Town of Guelph.

ALL ORDERS, however small, will be delivered BY HORSE and VAN a short time after purchased.

Active and obliging Clerks, all old friends of the Guelph public, will be found at all times ready to show Goods to parties, no matter whether they want to purchase or not.

NEW AND SEASONABLE GOODS WILL BE ADVERTISED AS SOON AS RECEIVED.

Glover, Timothy, Tares, Flax and Turnip Seeds. Of every description, in stock and arriving. We shall not in getting Seeds care so much about the price as the quality...

Caledonia Plaster, Liverpool Coarse & Fine AND CODERICH SALT. And all other kinds of Manures suitable for Agricultural use will be kept on hand...

TEAS. Every one should know and have confidence in those they buy their Teas of, as all who sell teas are not water-drinkers.

JOHN A. WOOD, Alma Block, Upper Wyndham Street. Guelph, March 2.

JUST IN. THE

GUTHAN'S CELEBRATED Hoop Skirts. In all the Latest and most Approved Styles.

Including the New PANNIER Skirt. Which is a general favorite.

THIS IS BEYOND ALL COMPARISON. THE CHEAPEST LOT OF SKIRTS EVER SHOWN

IN GUELPH. The attention of every lady is requested.

A. O. BUCHANAN. Guelph, Jan. 17.

PETRIE'S DRUG STORE. MONTREAL STEAM SHIP COMPANY.

QUELPH AGENCY. CANADIAN LINE-Portland to Liverpool every Saturday.

GLASGOW LINE-Portland to Glasgow every week.

CABIN-Guelph to Liverpool \$82.5 and \$93. ST. RAGE, do do \$32.00.

Return Tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid Passage Certificates issued to bring friends on, at 1/4 lowest rates.

THE OLD ESTABLISHED SADDLER SHOP. The subscriber in returning thanks to the public for the patronage bestowed on the late firm of Gallen & Beattie...

Harness, Saddles, Brides, Martingales. And a large assortment of Trunks, Valises, WHIPS, HORSE BLANKETS, CURRY COMBS, MANE COMBS, CARDS, SPURS, WHIP Lashes—all kind.

OIL AND VARNISH. For Cleaning Harness, and all other articles connected with his business.

HAMILTON DYE WORKS. Two doors from the Royal Hotel. Established 1856.

Blue, Satins, Merinos, Damasks, Moreen Table Covers, &c., &c., dyed and finished. British and Foreign Shawls cleaned and pressed, Kid Gloves cleaned, Feathers cleaned, dyed and curled.

Billiard Hall Refitted. New Style Tables. Exhibition Twice a Week.

AT O'CONNOR'S BILLIARD HALL. Guelph, 23rd February.

Equitable Life Assurance Society OF THE UNITED STATES.

Head Office, 92 Broadway, New York. W. O. BUCHANAN

2 Great St. James-Str., Montreal, General Agent for the Dominion of Canada.

The rapid advance of the Society to the very front rank among American Life Insurance Companies, the unprecedented amount of its New Business for the year...

Imperial Fire Insurance Company OF LONDON. (Established 1803.)

HEAD OFFICES-1 Old Broad Street, a Pall Mall, London. GENERAL AGENCY FOR CANADA 24 St. S. Street, Montreal.

Subscribed and Invested Capital and Reserve Fund \$1,965,000 STERLING

INSURANCE against loss by fire effected on the most favorable terms, and losses paid with out reference to the Board in London.

JOHN M. BOND, Agent, Guelph. Guelph, 14th Nov.

THE ONTARIO MUTUAL Life Insurance Comp'y. WATERLOO, ONT.

A comparison of our rates with the rates of any Company either doing or proposing to do a legitimate business respectfully invited.

Medical Examiners-Drs. Howitt and Keating. HENRY L. DRAKE, Agent.

ARCHIBALD McKEAND. (Successor to John W. Murton).

Banking and Exchange OFFICE. No. 9, JAMES STREET, HAMILTON.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE, uncurrent Money and 5-20 Bonds bought and sold at a slight advance on New York rates.

Agents for the National Steamship Company, weekly Line of Steamers between New York and Liverpool.

Tickets via the Michigan Central R. R. and the Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana R. R. for all points West and South.

HARTFORD Fire Insurance Company. Incorporated in 1810. CAPITAL, \$2,000,000

Special Rates for Dwellings and contents for terms of one to three years.

BEST AND MOST FASHIONABLE HAIR CUTTING. DOSE AT

MORGAN'S BARBER SHOP. St. George's Square, Guelph.

CUNARD OCEAN STEAMERS. LEAVING New York every Thursday for Queenstown or Liverpool.

FARE FROM HAMILTON. First Cabin, - - \$7, gold value. Second Cabin, - - \$5, gold value.

REMOVAL OF GARLAND'S Hat and Cap Store.

THE removal, as removed to the splendid Day's Block, late Petrie's Drug Store

And has now in stock an immense assortment of Hats, Caps, Furs, &c., in all the latest and most fashionable styles and colours, which will be sold very cheap.

Being a practical hatter, he thoroughly understands the wants of customers, and invites the public to call and see his goods, as he can sell them a better article at a cheaper price than they can get elsewhere.

GOLDEN SYRUP, Amber Syrup, Maple Syrup.

AT E. O'DONNELL & CO'S. Guelph, 29th March.

FACTORY FOR SALE OR LEASE. A good Factory for sale or to let. Apply to S. BOUTLET, Quebec-st., Guelph

R. B. MORISON & CO. Keep the largest and most complete assortment of all kinds of Goods. If you want a pretty Bouquet, Clock or Hat, cheap, go to them.

