

The Earl of Beaconsfield.
The elevation of Benjamin Disraeli to the peerage, as the Earl of Beaconsfield, is one of those dramatic surprises to the English public of which Mr. Disraeli is the greatest master of his time. It has been offered to him once before, and declined in favor of his wife, who died as the Viscountess of Beaconsfield. The public have therefore not looked for new honors to him in that direction, but at the close of a hard session, during which the measures of government have thrown unusual tasks upon the premier's shoulders, his name has now been translated to the seclusion of the House of Lords. It is an empty honor, according to our standards, but it is one peculiarly gratifying to the temperance of Mr. Disraeli, and the deservings of it makes it great. It is not much, perhaps, to be dubbed Earl of Beaconsfield, but it is much to be called in the deliberate judgment of the London Times, on the following morning, "the greatest member of Parliament that ever lived,"—that Parliament of which great Burke was a member. The praise seems to us extravagant, for Burke will still be given a century hence, and we doubt if Disraeli will.

Without doubt, England is profoundly grateful to the Tory Ministry for the change in her foreign relations. The "more spirited foreign policy," which Mr. Disraeli promised at his last accession to power, has been achieved, and in its glory all other disappointments will be forgotten. The Suez canal purchase, the Indian journey of the Prince of Wales, and the Indian title of the Queen were simply the dramatic properties of that "re-appearance in European politics," of which the refusal to accede to the Berlin note was the culminating and triumphant assertion. Within one short year, England has leaped from the position of spectator to that of arbiter of the affairs of Eastern Europe. It is the unmistakable work of the old novelist, but it is a slight work, after all, to put above that of the first Pitt. Besides, Mr. Disraeli's policy has its dangers as well as its glory. His successor in the leadership of the Commons is thought to be his Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Northcote, but the Earl of Beaconsfield will continue to be the premier. Adley, President of the Board of Trade, will probably be succeeded by W. H. Smith, one of the financial under-secretaries, with Lord John Manners of the post office, is to go up in the chair of their chief to the other House.—*Springfield Republican.*

A Sudden Repentance.
Yesterday morning a farmer entered a restaurant on Griswold street, sat on the back of his head and a joyful look in his eye, and hanging his hat on the floor he exclaimed: "Whoo! Sold my wool, and now I want a Thanksgiving dinner!"

He was invited to sit down to a table, handed a bill of fare, and asked to name his dish.

"I want chicken, turkey, oysters, fish, quail, snipe, pie, cake, soup, fine, bring on the best you've got in the shanty," said he as he pushed the bill away.

The waiter started out, and the farmer hauled out his wallet and counted his money. His face grew serious after a moment, and he began to realize that luxuries cost money, and in another minute he pounded on the table and called out:

"I want to see that waiter!"

The waiter entered and the farmer continued:

"You hold on a little. You may scratch out that other order and bring me in some meat and 'aters and bread. I've sold my wool, as I said before; but I just happened to think that the corn crop may bust on me, and where'd quail and toast be then?"

Phunygrefs.
Cheap hospitality—Entertaining an idea.
What age is the most cold-hearted?—The cabbage.
What is the best name for a (n)ice bottle?—Why, it's Kate!
Why are teeth like verbs?—Because they are regular, irregular, and defective.
A fact.—When the angler was ordered out of the house, he took his hook.
Would it be proper to call a retired liquor dealer's estate a "hickory mansion"?
Why is a grain of sand in the eye like a schoolmaster's cane?—Because it hurts the pupil.
Contentment is said to be better than riches, but the latter is good enough for the writer.
What is it that has three feet and cannot walk, sixteen nail and cannot scratch?—A yard measure.
A cross-eyed Chicago girl advises for a husband afflicted in the same way. "What a cross-eyed fellow! His hair is now made to imitate real hair so closely, that it is hardly possible to tell which from which."
Breadbridge is midway between the North Pole and the Equator.
Threshing-machine accidents seem to be as plentiful as ever this season.

REMOVED!
R. CREECH,
SADDLER & HARNESS-MAKER,
Has removed two doors west of his old stand, and is now prepared to turn out work, which for
NEATNESS, CHEAPNESS AND DURABILITY
cannot be surpassed by any house in the county.
Harness of all Kinds
supplied on the shortest possible notice, and warranted to give perfect satisfaction.
As he is doing business principally on the Cash System, he is prepared to sell cheaper than ever.
Give him a call and be convinced that this is the right place.
June 25, 1876. R. CREECH, Acton.
SPECIAL.
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WRITING DESKS
AND
WORK BOXES
AT
Less than Half Cost
AT
ANDERSON'S
CHEAP BOOKSTORE
On the East side of Wyndham Street
GUELPH.

SCHOOL BOOKS.
School Children should Buy Day's 5 cent Copy Book. It contains forty copies, and is made of good paper.
All the School Books used in the Town and Country Schools on hand at
DAY'S BOOKSTORE.
Day Sells Cheap.

C. T. HILL,
DEALER IN
Groceries,
Crockery,
Boots & Shoes,
Wall Paper,
Window Blinds,
Nails, Glass, Putty,
Linsced Oil,
Paints, Turpentine,
Coal Oil, Salt, etc.,
All of which will be sold low for cash.
BOOTS and SHOES
Selling off at cost.
Also agent for the
RUBBER PAINT COMPANY
Of Cleveland, Ohio.
Cash for Hides.
Acton, July 18, 1876.

THE NEW DOMINION
BOOT AND SHOE STORE.
KENNEY & SON
Have just received their
FALL STOCK OF BOOTS AND SHOES,
The Best that ever came into Acton, for Price, Style and Quality.
OUR CUSTOM WORK
Will receive careful attention, and all work guaranteed to give satisfaction.
Repairing Done Neatly.
Don't forget the place—
Main Street, Next Door to Agnew's Hotel.
Acton, Sept. 19, 1876.
KENNEY & SON.

People's Cheap Dry Goods Store.
GOLDEN LION
Corner Wyndham and Macdonnell Streets, Guelph.
Dry Goods Cheaper than ever.
In order to enable all our friends to purchase their Dry Goods cheap, we have been induced to continue our Cheap Clearing Sale for the balance of the Season. We invite every one, therefore, to come to the Lion and obtain the great bargains now being offered. Below we quote a few of our leading Lines, but as it is impossible to enumerate, all we would simply say that we are
SELLING CHEAPER THAN EVER.
And are determined to show the people of Guelph and neighborhood that
FOR NEW GOODS, FOR STYLISH GOODS, AND FOR CHEAP GOODS, THE LION IS AHEAD
Of Every Other Store in Guelph.
Our Regular Lines are Bought for Cash, Direct.
Consequently no one can undersell us, while the half-price Stock bought in Montreal has enabled us to sell at far lower prices than our neighbors. In consequence of this our sales during the past season have been fifty per cent in advance of anything ever known at The Lion before, and for this liberal patronage we desire to return our very hearty thanks. We would add, however, that our reputation for selling cheap being now so well established we are determined to maintain it, and we therefore invite everyone to pay us a Visit, inspect our Stock, ascertain our Prices, and you will always buy at the Lion.

WE QUOTE A FEW LEADING LINES:
Dress Goods, 6 1/2, 8, 10, 12 1/2 cents and upwards.
Factory Cotton, 36 in., 6 cents a yard.
Hoy's Prints, at 5 cents.
Striped Silks, Grenadines, Lustres, &c., marvellously cheap.
Fall Tweeds, latest styles, immense variety, very cheap.
Ready Made Clothing, less than half the usual price.
Best Cotton Bags, 25.00 a dozen.
SPECIAL LINES AT LOWEST PRICES.
Striped and Checked Shirting, American Duck, and Denims, Bed Quilts, Towellings, &c.
OUR RULE.
Our Rule is not to decry our neighbors' goods, but to offer our own on their merits, and we find this answer so well that **AT THE LION WE ALWAYS HAVE "LARGE SALES, QUICK SALES, SMALL PROFITS AND READY PAY."**
Come and See Us.
J. D. WILLIAMSON & CO
Guelph, Aug. 28, 1876.

NEW GOODS
NOW DAILY ARRIVING AT THE
FASHIONABLE WEST END.
JUST OPENED:
One case new Seal Brown and Navy Blue Dress Goods.
12 dozen new Silk Ties.
New Linen Collars and Cuffs.
Stock now very complete and attractive in each department.
A. O. BUCHAM.
Fashionable West End Dress, Millinery and Mantle Establishment.
Guelph, August 11, 1876.

OUR FALL STOCK
OF
BOOTS AND SHOES
Now Arriving,
And will be complete in a few days.
Call and examine our Goods and Prices.
CRAINE & SON.
Acton, Sept. 5, 1876.

Now is the Time to Purchase
CLOTHING.
TWEEDS being rushed off at reduced rates to make room for
FALL STOCK NOW ARRIVING
AT THE
EAST END.
DICKSON & McNAB.
Acton, August 1, 1876.

GREAT SPECIAL SALE
OF
DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING
Preparatory to Removal.
WM. STEWART & CO.
Our entire stock of Dry Goods and Clothing is now offered regardless of Cost, to reduce stock before removing to our new premises, now building. The public may rely on the
Best and Cheapest Bargains ever offered of
NEW CHOICE GOODS
Cheaper than Old Bankrupt Stock at Half price—Cheap because just the goods wanted—Cheap because Fresh and New.
THE STOCK MUST, WILL AND SHALL BE SOLD.
But we are aware how perplexing it is for honest people to read the advertisements here and elsewhere. Who'll talk the loudest and brag the most seems to be the maxim of each. But an intelligent Public know well that Shoddy Goods are dear at Half-price.

We give a few quotations of:
GOODS REDUCED.
4,500 yards of Dress Goods,—former prices, 15, 20, 25 and up to 50 cents—reduced to 10, 15 and 20 cents.
Striped silks reduced to 57 cents.
Striped Grenadines to 10 cents.
Striped and Plain Linen to 10 cts.
Parasols from 15 cents.
Black and Colored Lustres from 12 1/2 cents.
Lace Curtains 75 cents.
White Cotton Hose from 6 1/2 cents.
Straw Sun Hats from 5 cents.
Cashmere Jackets from \$1.25.
Linen Suits from \$1.50.
Table Linens, Bed Quilts, Table Napkins, Sheetings, Damasks, Towelling will be offered at striking prices.
Colored Shirting from 10 cents. A lot of Woolen Tweeds reduced from \$1.00 to 60 cents. Colored and White Dress Shirts from 40 cents.
A JOB LOT OF LADIES UNDERCLOTHING to be SACRIFICED.
This Sale is no Clap Trap.
Reduced Prices Must Be Cash.
WILLIAM STEWART & Co.
Guelph, June 1, 1876.

WATCHES, CLOCKS & JEWELRY.
C. & G. HYND'S,
Watches, Clocks and Jewelry
CALL AT
Post Office, Acton.
A NEW LOT OF CLOCKS FROM \$1 UPWARDS
Brooches, Ear-rings, Finger Rings, Chains, Bracelets, Lockets, Gents' Studs and Cuff Buttons
And everything that is kept in a first class Jewelry House. All goods warranted as represented, and Repairing a Specialty.
Remember the place.
C. & G. HYND'S,
Post Office, Acton.
August 28, 1876.

LARGE ARRIVALS OF
CLOTHING
AT THE
ELEPHANT CLOTHING STORE,
GUELPH.

WM. RUTHERFORD & CO.
Sept. 4, 1876. No. 31, Lower Wyndham Street, Guelph.
HO! FOR BARGAINS.
ON THE RAMPAGE.
Look Out for Cheap Goods:

MAMMOTH HOUSE
GEORGETOWN,
McLEOD, ANDERSON & Co.
ARE HAVING ONE OF THEIR
IMMENSE CLEARING SALES
For Thirty Days Only.

CUTTING AND SLASHING RIGHT AND LEFT.
No quarter will be given. All goods marked down, and will be sold regardless of cost.
Dress Goods, Muslins, Grenadines and Prints
At Cost Price and Lower.
MILLINERY & MANTLES AT HALF PRICE.
Ready-made and Ordered Clothing, Tweeds, Gents' Furnishings, Hats and Caps, &c., at extraordinary low prices. Call and examine; it will pay you.
Carpets, Oil Cloths, Rugs, &c., a clean sweep must be made of these goods. Cottons, Tablings, Ducks, Drillings, Towellings, &c., at very low prices.
We commence our Annual Sale on Thursday, July 20th, and shall continue it for 30 days. Remember we never advertise anything that we do not perform, so that you can rely upon getting bargains and first-class goods cheaper than ever. Come and see our prices and examine our goods.
McLEOD, ANDERSON & Co.,
MAMMOTH HOUSE, GEORGETOWN.

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ALL KINDS OF
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