

THE SPRING TRADE.

Advertisers will reach a large class of readers by inserting their business announcements in this paper.

Don't Leave the Farm.

Come boys, I have something to tell you. Come near, I would whisper it first—You are thinking of leaving the homestead.

Don't be in a hurry to go. The city has many attractions. But think of the vines and sine, When once in the vortex of fashion, How soon the course downward begins.

You talk of the mines of Australia—They're wealthy in gold without doubt, But ah! there is cold on the farm, boys, If only you'll shovel it out.

The great busy West has inducements, And so has the beautiful mountains, But wealth is not made in a day, boys, Don't be in a hurry to start.

Since Napoleon III. became Emperor, France has been running into debt at a frightful rate. Indeed, his schemes of embellishment and aggrandizement have added to the national obligations the sum of 3,673,600,000 francs, exclusive of debts amounting to 2,016,500,000 francs contracted in the same period by the departments, cities, and communes.

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Of course, the lesser cities endeavor to rival the metropolis in their small way, and some of them may yet incur a similar fate. Marseilles heads the list with a debt of 108,000,000 francs, followed at a respectable distance by Lyons, Lille, Bordeaux, Rouen, Havre, and many others, their aggregate indebtedness reaching a sum but little less than 500,000,000 francs.

Who is the Oldest Mason. Mr. Charles Preston has come forward to dispute the palm of antiquity with Mr. A. Sherwood of Brockville, who it was asserted some time ago was the oldest Free Mason in the Dominion.

Mr. Geo. Peabody is now in Rome where he has gone for the benefit of his health. A bronze statue of this benevolent gentleman is to be erected in London for which \$20,000 has been subscribed in England.

A Yankee Captain visiting a sailor in Liverpool a week or two since, heard a man singing "The Bonnie Blue Flag," and ordered him to desist. The man refused, upon which the Captain struck him on the head and killed him.

The Boston Transcript describes a strange accident which lately occurred to a young lady at a ball in that city. She was "baking in the dance, when her foot caught in her dress, and she fell with great force on the back of her head, becoming instantly insensible.

postage stamps rendered necessary by the new postal regulations have been received at the Post Office in this Town. There are seven denominations of them, ranging from half a cent in value up to fifteen cents. The stamps now in use in the several Provinces may be accepted as at present in payment of letters &c, for a reasonable time after the first of April; but when the "reasonable time" has expired the new stamps alone must be used.

Canada in Buffalo.—A correspondent from Buffalo writes:—We will probably have another street railway by the coming fall, which will run from the river street railroad depot to the live stock yards, on the east side of the city.

A farmer in the township of Niagara has recently had several sheep and calves attacked and killed by rats. The rats gnaw round the feet of the animals, bleed them to death and then eat them.

Mr. Samuel Laidman, of Binbrook, had forty-one fine bred ewes killed by dogs on Sunday night last, amounting in value to \$400. The dog tax collected in the township last year, intended to constitute a fund for the indemnification of parties having sheep killed by dogs, did not reach \$200.

There is a government vacancy at Port Colborne, the Customs officer at that port, Mr VanAllen, having pocketed more than his salary, decamped across the line. The Government policy of rewarding political hacks with important positions, irrespective of intellectual fitness or moral character, was illustrated similarly a few weeks ago in Woodstock.

Halifax papers say that the steamers belonging to the Montreal line are likely to make Halifax a port of call for the present, and when the Intercolonial Railroad is finished, that will be their port of destination and departure to and from Europe.

Freeman & Freeman, Solicitors in Chancery, Conveyancers, &c.

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

Money Market. JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE. Gold, 1854. Greenbacks bought at 71 to 74; sold at 72 to 73.

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

Toronto, March 20, 1868. Flour—Receipts, 100 bbls; No. 1, at \$7 15; No. 2, at \$7 00; No. 3, at \$6 75; No. 4, at \$6 50; No. 5, at \$6 25; No. 6, at \$6 00; No. 7, at \$5 75; No. 8, at \$5 50; No. 9, at \$5 25; No. 10, at \$5 00.

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Farm for Sale. BEING East half of Lot No. 9, 4th Concession Eramosa, situated one mile from Rockwood Station.

1868. Liverpool & London & Globe INSURANCE COMPANY.

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