

for the presence of women we would have fired again and again.
"Excuse my words; I did not think of that," was the reply of the young man.
"But my suffering is terrible. They carry with them my wife and my aunt, and their purpose is a base and foul one. Tell me, cannot they be interposed? I have been in the hospital; is it long since?"
"More than an hour, and to intercept them now is impossible," was the reply.
"And, indeed," continued the Captain, "as you well know, we had no power over them after they were a hundred yards from the shore."
Ontario Legislative Assembly.
Toronto, Feb. 27.

After routine, the Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Ballot Bill. He referred to the adoption of the Bill by several of the principal British Colonies, and ultimately by the Imperial Parliament. He did not anticipate that the Bill would secure perfect freedom from improper influences, but believed it would conduce to a much larger measure of freedom in the exercise of the franchise than existed at present. He combated some of the objections raised to the Bill by its opponents, and argued that the imperfections of the Bill, as it was practiced in the United States, was not to be accepted as proof against such a plan as in his present Bill he proposed to adopt.
Mr. M. C. Cameron was entirely opposed to secret voting, but should not divide the House upon the Bill. "Many of his political friends were much in favor of its passing, and he entertained the belief that they would be largely the gainers by such a measure."
Mr. Bethune pointed out that the English ballot, which was substantially the one followed by the Attorney-General, was not at all analogous to the one in use in the United States. In that country there was no registration, while universal suffrage greatly assisted personation and other irregularities. Secrecy practically did not exist at all.
Mr. Bondine had not long since been opposed to the Ballot, but professed that his experience in recent elections had convinced him of its necessity.
Mr. O'Donohue believed the Ballot would be a protection against the undue influence of large employers of labour.
Mr. Richards would support the Ballot Bill mainly from the belief that it would emancipate many persons from the trammels of party, and leave them to vote more freely for the candidate of their choice. He feared the details of the present scheme would be rather difficult to work out.
Mr. Daly, coming fresh from the people hardly knew that any necessity existed for the Bill. His late contest, he avurred, was pure, and no intimidation was practiced.
Mr. Rykert was opposed to the Bill on principle, but would vote for it.
Mr. Lauder, who discoursed about divers matters not relevant to the question before the chair.
Mr. Currie made an able and very telling speech in favour of the Bill, which was then read a second time without a dissentient.
The House then went into Committee on the Joint Stock Companies Incorporation Bill and the Benovolent Societies Incorporation Bill, and reported the Bills as amended.
The money clauses of the Prisons Inspection Bill were also discussed and agreed to, and the Bill read a second time.
In the course of the afternoon sitting Mr. Currie introduced a Bill providing—1st. That in municipal elections and votes on by-laws creating debts real property shall be the basis of the franchise, and parties shall have equal or plural votes according to the value of their property. 2. Women of full age, subjects of Her Majesty, with the proper property qualifications, shall have a right to vote at such elections. The License Bill was also read.

Toronto, Grey, and Bruce Railway.
A special meeting of the Toronto Board of Trade was held on the 25th inst., for the purpose of discussing the question of an independent line from Weston to Toronto for the T. G. & B., instead of using the Grand Trunk track for the distance—ten miles. Mr. Gordon, President of the T. G. & B., explained the matter to the Board. He spoke of the great increase of trade, and the constant delays which take place at Weston and Carleton Place. Things had come to such a pass that, as President of the Company, he felt compelled to lay the matter before the citizens. The Toronto & Grey & Bruce had expended all their available funds in pushing on their line of railway. He mentioned an instance in which, while travelling from Orangeville, the train was delayed an hour at Weston Junction, another hour at Weston station, and they had again to wait for orders at Carleton, before the train could run on to Toronto. The connection they had made with Owen Sound was a very valuable one, and also that made in the County of Bruce; but they would not be able to make these connections valuable while the running powers on the Grand Trunk were so uncertain as they were. He mentioned that yesterday there were 32 trains on the Grand Trunk Railway, and thirteen on the Toronto Grey & Bruce Railway, running in and out on this single line of rails during the day. He thought it was well that the Company should build an independent line from Weston to Toronto, and it was for the meeting to discuss what grant they would recommend. There were some 200 miles of railway depending on the uncertainties he had referred to, and a large indebtedness of \$15,000 to the Grand Trunk Railway.
After a discussion, the following resolution was passed by a large majority: "That the meeting of the Board of Trade approve of submitting a by-law to the ratepayers of the City for a bonus of \$100,000 to aid the Toronto, Grey, & Bruce Railway Company in building an independent line from Weston to Toronto, and would recommend the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto to submit such a by-law."
An amendment was moved to include the Credit Valley Railway in the bonus, but was rejected.
A committee was appointed to wait on the Ontario Legislature, and urge the necessity of further Government aid to the T. G. & B.
A SUSPICIOUS AFFAIR.—Considerable excitement has been raised in the neighborhood about two miles east of Listowel on the boundary, by the finding, on Sunday morning, of a suit of clothes minus hat and boots, about half way between Thos. Swan's and John Klapp's. It is supposed they were left there on Friday night. Has there been foul play? Or is it some one escaped from justice?
During the continuance of the Parliament just dissolved in England, there were 163 deaths among the members—55 in the House of Commons and 108 in the House of Lords.

Commercial.
Guelph Markets.
MERCURY OFFICE, Feb. 28.
Flour, per 100 lbs. \$3 00 to \$3 50
Fall Wheat, per 100 lbs. 1 95 to 2 05
Treadwell .. 1 85 to 1 95
Spring Wheat do. 1 75 to 1 85
Oats do. 1 10 to 1 15
Peas do. 20 to 25
Barley, new, do. 2 00 to 2 10
Hay, per ton .. 12 00 to 15 00
Straw, do. 3 00 to 3 50
Wood, per cord .. 4 00 to 4 50
Eggs, per dozen .. 18 to 20
Butter, dairy packed, 40 to 42
Eggs, fresh, per doz. 22 to 25
Apples, per barrel .. 2 50 to 3 00
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Good Doctrine: first rate: Admirable Philosophy: more good sense and economy in these few words than most people are aware of. If you take a paper, pay as you go—your butcher, baker, tailor, shoemaker, pay as you go. It is a philosopher's stone. We wish it was impressed on some people's hearts with a sledge hammer.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED
A large lot of Ladies', Misses and Children's Prunellas,
WHICH WILL BE
SOLD AT THE LOWEST CASH PRICE.
Purchasers will do well to call and examine our stock and prices, before purchasing elsewhere.

CUSTOM WORK A SPECIALTY
All work made in the latest styles. A perfect fit guaranteed. Customers can have a last kept specially for themselves. Repairing done as usual.
Remember the House—The Dominion Shoe Store, Day's Block, opposite the Town Hall.
Guelph, Feb. 9, 1874.
WM. TAWSE & SON.
d.w.m.c.

The Oldest Hardware Business in the County
J. M. BOND & CO.,
DIRECT HARDWARE IMPORTERS,
OFFER FOR SALE

CATTLE CHAINS of over fifty different kinds, and made specially to our order.
GRAIN SHOVELS—Polished steel and iron.
HALF BUSHEL MEASURES—Stamped and warranted correct.
TUBULAR LANTERNS—To burn coal oil. The best lantern made; cannot be put out by the strongest wind, and burns bright and clear.
WARRANTED PLATFORM SCALES—Weighing beams, steel yards. Every farmer needs a scale to weigh his produce. A good one will save twice its cost in 1 year.
CHOPPING AXES—Made to order from several makers, and over thirty-five different kinds.
CROSS CUT SAWS, with teeth of various shapes. Butting Saws for cutting hardwood. We have saws of all kinds from approved makers. Sausage Meat Cutters and stuffers.

With every article usually kept in a first-class Hardware Store.
JOHN M. BOND & Co., Guelph, Ont.
SUPERIOR LOT OF MACHINERY AND OTHER OILS AT JOHN HORSMAN'S.

CONSISTING OF
Elephant Oil,
Seal Oil,
Lard Oil,
Cod Oil,
Sperm Oil,
Boiled and Raw Oils.
Particular attention paid to the Quality of Oils. Our Machine Oils are now in large demand, and give the greatest satisfaction.
JOHN HORSMAN,
Hardware Merchant.
GUELPH, Feb. 12th, 1874.

C. E. PEIRCE & CO.
Elephant Clothing Store.
We are now selling our stock of Ready-made Clothing and Furnishing Goods at COST in order to make room for Spring Stock.
THOSE IN WANT OF CLOTHING SHOULD CALL, FOR THEY WILL SAVE MONEY BY DOING SO.
C. E. PEIRCE & CO.,
Hepburn's Old Stand, Wyndham-st., Guelph.
Guelph, Feb. 17, 1874.

JAMES HAZELTON'S CABINET & CHAIR ESTABLISHMENT
Stone House, with Chair on Roof, Wyndham-st., Guelph.
Warehouses 210 feet long. The largest, cheapest, and best stock of superlative and common Furniture, Mattresses, Grasses, &c., now on hand ever before held by any one person in British North America. Furniture, Mattresses, etc., made to order. A large quantity of seasoned Lumber wanted.
Guelph, Ang. 12th 1872. James Hazelton.

FALL AND WINTER 1873-4.
POWELL'S
Boot and Shoe Store
Call and examine my new stock of Ladies', Gents' & Children's BOOTS & SHOES,
Which for moderate prices, style and workmanship, cannot be surpassed in the town.
Particular attention paid to Custom Work and Repairing.
West side Wyndham Street, Guelph.
Guelph, Feb. 15th, 1874. dw.
FURNISHING BOOK STORE.
The subscriber, in thanking the public for past favors, begs to inform the public of a new arrival of Fancy Goods and Books, Stationery and School Books, Wall Paper, very cheap; also Window Blinds.
AGENT for the WEEKLY MERCURY AND ADVERTISER, Binding School Books and Advertisers. Agents of Town and Farm Property in large and varied, and parties in want of real estate of any kind should call on us before purchasing elsewhere.
Agents for the Commercial Union Assurance Company of London, Eng.
HEWITT & SONS,
No. 4 Day's Block, Guelph, Ont.

WELDER Marble Works.
The undersigned will furnish Grave Stones, Monuments, Tablets or Posts
As cheap as any dealer in the Dominion.
Granite Monuments or Headstones IMPORTED TO ORDER.
ALFRED S. FEAST
Wood's street, above Bruce's, Carriage my 29
Works, Guelph.

VICTORIA COMPOUND SYRUP OF HYPOPHOSPHITES
For the Prevention and cure of Pulmonary Consumption
Also for the cure of Dyspepsia, Bronchitis, Asthma, Loss of Appetite, General Debility, &c.
The only Syrup prepared from Dr. Church's Formula, and certified to be Chemically Pure. Price \$1 per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.
VICTORIA Compound Fluid Extract of BUCHU and UVA URSI
A Specific Remedy for all Diseases of the Bladder and Kidneys; Dropsical Swellings; Complaints incidental to females; and all Diseases of the Urinary Organs of either Sex.
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ASK FOR THE VICTORIA Baking Powder
(Unrivalled and Unsurpassed)
The only reliable powder in the market.
EXTRA FIRST PRIZE
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Ask your Grocer for it
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Passengers booked to all points in the United States. 1914W
MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.

A NOBOL LINE OF STEAMERS
Left from Pier 30, North River, New York, every Wednesday and Saturday
The passenger accommodation on this line is unsurpassed for elegance and comfort.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
Glasgow, Liverpool and Londonderry.
CABIN—Saturday, \$75 and \$85 gold; Wednesday, \$75 and \$85 currency. Cabin return tickets, securing best accommodation—Saturday, \$150 gold; Wednesday, \$150 currency. FSTERADE—\$80 currency.
Prepaid certificates for passage from any seaport and railway station in Great Britain, Ireland, or the Continent at rates as low as any other first-class line. For passage, apply to Henderson Bro., New York, or to JAMES BRYCE, Agent American Express Company, Guelph, Guelph, Feb. 10, 1874. dw

ALLAN Steamship Line
Prepaid passage certificates issued. Berths and outward tickets secured at best rates.
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J. MANLINE STEAMERS BETWEEN New York and Liverpool
Consisting of Sixteen of the Best Equipped and fastest steamships in the world, sailing from New York every Thursday and Saturday.
Rates of passage as low as any first-class line. Tickets for Liverpool, Londonderry, Cork, and Glasgow, and prepaid certificates good for 12 months to bring on passengers, issued by H. D. MOSEHOUSE, Exchange Office.

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The only reliable Gift Distribution in the country.
\$1,000,000
In Valuable Gifts! to be distributed in L. D. SINE'S 43rd Semi-Annual GIFT ENTERPRISE
To be drawn MONDAY, MARCH 30th, 1874.
ONE GRAND CAPITAL PRIZE \$10,000 IN GOLD
One Prize, \$5,000 in Silver
Five prizes \$1,000 each in greenbacks
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Ten prizes, \$100 each in greenbacks
Two Family Carriages and Matched Horses with silver-mounted Harness, worth \$1,500 each.
Two fine horses, etc., worth \$600 each.
Two fine toned Rosewood Pianos, worth \$500 each.
Ten Sewing Machines, worth \$10 each.
1500 Gold and Silver Lever Hunting Watches (in all) worth, from \$20 to \$50 each.
Gold Chains, Silverware, Jewelry, etc., &c.
Number of gifts 10,000. Tickets limited to 20,000.
AGENTS WANTED to sell Tickets, to whom liberal premiums will be paid. Single tickets, \$2; six tickets, \$8; twelve tickets, \$20; twenty-five, \$40.
Circulars containing a full list of prizes, a description of the manner of drawing, and other information in reference to the distribution will be sent to any one ordering them. All letters must be addressed to MAIN OFFICE, L. D. SINE, box 86, 101 W. Fifth-st. Cincinnati, O.

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