

pairs of beautiful white turtlenecks, one of which takes second prize. He shows also blue turtlenecks, jacobins, and black carriers. Josh. McGrath shows a pair of fine Almond turtlenecks, and takes first prize for them.

Mr. T. S. Henry takes first prize for a pair of white turtlenecks, and shows one pair of jacobins.

CANARIES AND OTHER BIRDS.
Some good canaries are shown. Mr. Suddaby has the lion's share—five entries. Messrs. G. Bookless, J. Inglis, Jas. Hower, Wm. Burgess, Jas. B. Allan, and J. B. Gleason each have an entry.
In the class "other birds" Mr. Balk will show a cage of fine quail. Mr. Henry a pair of Muscovy ducks. Mr. John Fry a pair of white top-knot ducks, and a ring-dove. Mr. T. H. Gibbs a pair of large white geese. Mr. Sam. Barber two pair white geese. Mr. Suddaby and Mr. Allan each a pair of goldfinches.

To Business Men.

The circulation of the Mercury and Advertiser being nearly five times that of any other paper published in the County of Wellington, business men and others would study their own interests by advertising in the Mercury and Advertiser.

FACTS FOR ADVERTISERS.

In this, as in everything else, the best papers will command the best prices. It is cheaper to pay 5s. for inserting your advertisements in a journal having a circulation of 5,000, than to pay 2s. for one that has only a circulation of 1,000. Of this you may be sure, that any journal that inserts advertisements too cheap, is, in fact, an almost worthless medium. If it were really a good one, it would have no need to lower its prices, for its sheets would be better filled without the sacrifice. You may lay it down as a rule that every journal knows its value, and that if it adopts low prices it is because it is conscious that it has a low circulation in number or respectability.—Wilson's Handbook for Advertisers.

Guelph Evening Mercury

SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 7, 1874

The Proposed County of Dufferin.

The copy of Mr. Charles Clarke's Bill for the creation of a new County, to be called the County of Dufferin, lies before us. The preamble is to the effect that the population of Orangeville, Amaranth, Luther, East Garafraxa, Mono, Mulmur, Melancthon, and Adala by last census was 20,200; that these corporations are inconveniently absent from the county towns; of their several counties and that they are of such size and wealth as to warrant them in being formed into a new County. The reeves and deputy reeves of these Municipalities are to form the first Provisional Council. Section two provides for the calling together of the Council, the election of Wardens, and making arrangements for taking a vote of the electors on the question of the erection of the new County. If the majority are opposed to the erection of the new County then the Council is to be dissolved; but if there is a majority in favour of it then the Council may proceed to business. It is specified in the bill that Orangeville is to be the County Town.

The bill has been read a first time, but we are of opinion that it will not be passed this session, but will be laid over for the consideration of the Government when they take up the scheme for the re-arrangement and erection of other Counties.

THE GROUPING CLAUSE.—The Globe of Friday has an article strongly condemnatory of the "grouping clause" in the Provincial Railway Act. It points out very clearly the injustice which may be, and often is, done to Municipalities which are coerced into paying for bonuses to railways against the will of residents therein, who being in the minority are borne down by the tyrannical will of the majority. We agree with every word the Globe says on this subject, but what surprises us is that it should have been so long in condemning this iniquitous grouping system. The idea originated in Toronto. It was the conception of a few railway men in that city, whose schemes were warmly advocated by the Globe. Nothing was said against it so long as bonuses were required for the construction of railways which terminated in Toronto. But now that all the aid in that direction has been secured, the "grouping clause" is condemned to destruction as immoral, tyrannical and one-sided. Verily, a late conversion is better than none at all. Let the "grouping clause" be struck out of the statute book, for Toronto, through the Globe, has no more use for it.

POLITICAL.—The nomination for Algoma took place on Friday. Mr. Simpson the only Opposition candidate, having retired, Messrs. W. J. Scott, E. B. Borrows, and P. I. Brown were nominated. A poll was demanded by all the candidates, all being supporters of Mr. Mackenzie. Petitions have been filed against the return of Mr. Ferguson for North Leeds, and Mr. J. Hillyard Cameron for Cardwell. Mr. Cimon has been elected for Chicoutimi in Quebec.

The London Advertiser says that there is a report current, on the authority of private letters from England received in Ottawa, that Sir Henry James and Mr. Vernon Harcourt, who succeeded Sir J. D. Coleridge and Mr. Jessel as Attorney-General and Solicitor-General respectively, have reversed the decision of their predecessors adverse to the bill empowering Committees of the Dominion House of Commons to

administer oaths to witnesses. Should this report prove true, a very important privilege will have been accorded to our Parliaments and the position taken by Mr. Blake and Mr. J. H. Cameron with reference to the legality of the Oaths to Witnesses Bill will have been fully justified.

The Legislature.

TUESDAY, March 5.

On the order of the day being read for resuming the debate on the motion to place the name of Mr. Fraser instead of the Attorney-General's on the Public Accounts Committee.

Mr. Cameron announced that he and his friends were determined to oppose the proposition with every means in their power. The Attorney-General pointed out that his many engagements prevented him from being present at the sittings of the Committee, whilst Mr. Crooks was chairman of another Committee sitting at the same time. The Opposition had four lawyers on the Public Accounts Committee, and it was not fair that Mr. Hardy, the only legal member on the Ministerial side, should have all the responsibility on his shoulders. He would throw on the Opposition the responsibility of wasting the time of the House if their leader persisted in the course he threatened to pursue.

Mr. Cameron accepted the responsibility, but offered to waive his opposition if Mr. Mowat would substitute any other member of the House for Mr. Fraser, or agree to put Mr. Merrick's name on the Committee. Messrs. Cameron, Boulbee, Larder, and Rykert then proceeded to talk against time, and the latter was so occupied when the hour for recess arrived.

After recess, Mr. Deacon moved the second reading of the Western Ontario Orange Bill. The Attorney-General urged that as the general Act passing through the House would enable the Orange and other societies to obtain charters of incorporation, the Bill should be withdrawn. Mr. Mowat had not concluded his speech when the time allowed for Private Bills had expired, and the motion therefore stood over.

Mr. Rykert then rose to continue the talking against time, which recess had interrupted. On Mr. Rykert taking his seat, Mr. Code moved an amendment to add Mr. Merrick's name to the Committee in addition to Mr. Fraser's. This gave the several speakers an opportunity of rising again. Mr. M. C. Cameron accordingly spoke at great length. The House continued in session till 3:30 o'clock, when the original motion was carried by 41 to 22.

Report of the Provincial Farm Commission.

To the Hon. Provincial Secretary.

The undersigned entertain the strong conviction that the Guelph School of Agriculture, if efficiently conducted, may be made eminently conducive to the promotion of these most desirable ends—and they thoroughly believe that the amount of public money necessary to its proper establishment will be abundantly and quickly repaid by the stimulus given to this chief industry of our land.

The Commissioners have deemed it most convenient to submit their conclusions in the form of separate propositions, as follows:—

1. That the name of the Institution should be "The Ontario School of Agriculture and Experimental Farm."
2. That the object of the Institution should be—First, To give thorough mastery of the practice and theory of husbandry to young men of the Province engaged in agricultural and horticultural pursuits, or intending to engage in such; and, Second, To conduct experiments tending to the solution of questions of material interest to the agriculturists of the Province, and publish the results from time to time.
3. That a carefully prepared design of the farm and establishments, as they ought to be when the institution is in full operation, should be prepared with all speed by one or two competent parties, in conjunction with the Principals. That this design should provide for buildings of a plain and substantial character for all the purposes of the Institution, and make ample allowance for their easy enlargement from time to time as required.

4. That the existing buildings on the farm should be utilized for present purposes; but, in the event of their being found unsuitable for the efficient and economical prosecution of the daily work of the farm, they should gradually be replaced by others constructed on the principles set forth herein, and forming part of the systematic plan herein recommended.
5. That the farm should be separated into five distinct departments, namely:—
 - (1) The Field Department.
 - (2) The Horticultural Department.
 - (3) The Live Stock Department.
 - (4) The Poultry, Bird, and Bee Department, and,
 - (5) The Mechanical Department— including carpenter, blacksmith, wagon, harness, and paint shops.
6. That the plan of the farm should provide for a clear separation between these departments of farm work; and that, in locating each department, due regard should be had in the site selected to the special suitability of the soil, convenience of access, and the compactness and tasteful appearance of the establishment as a whole.
7. That all the buildings on the farm should be model buildings, so far as their adaptability to the purposes for which they are constructed is concerned; and that, while due regard should be shown to the demands of artistic taste in the design and site of each erection; yet the chief aim ought to be to have all the buildings in simplicity of style, completeness of arrangement, solidity of construction, drainage, ventilation, and economy of labour, models worthy of imitation by the farmers of the Province, and attainable at a cost within their reach.

(Continued on Monday)

SUICIDE OF A CANADIAN.—We learn from Grand Rapids that a rather handsome-looking woman, named Eliza Williams, who hailed from St. Thomas, committed suicide (or was murdered) at that city on the night of Wednesday last. She was housekeeper for Mr. Wm. Moore, of Grand Rapids, and for some time past acted as if distressed mentally. She was seen at seven o'clock on the evening named as well as usual, and half an hour later her dead body was found in the canal. Our informant says there is probably a mystery in the affair which will hardly bear scrutiny. She was reported to be the owner of considerable property in St. Thomas.

MANUFACTURE OF COCOA.—We will now give an account of the process adopted by Messrs. James Epps & Co., manufacturers of dietetic articles, at their works in the Euston Road, London.—See article in Cassell's Household Guide.

FEMALE SUFFRAGE.—Hon. Mr. Currie has introduced a Bill into the Legislature which provides for female suffrage and the representation of property according to its value. The main clauses are: 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 dual or plural votes according to the value of their property. 2nd. Women of full age, subjects of Her Majesty, with the proper property qualification, shall have a right to vote at such elections.

WE ARE TO HAVE A NEW BOOK, "The Polar and Tropical Worlds." Our Pastors and others think it a valuable work. It is hoped that all will read what they have to say in regard to it in another column.

We have received this week's Gair from Day's bookstore.

DIED.

FISHER.—On the 5th inst., George Fisher, York Road, watch and clock maker, aged 61 years and 7 months. The funeral will leave his late residence at 2 o'clock p.m., on Monday, the 8th inst. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend without further notice.

NEW GOODS.

Electro-plated Cruet Stands, elegant patterns.
Ivory-handled Table and Dessert Knives.
Nickel Silver and Electro-plated Forks to suit.
Table, Dessert and Tea Spoons.
Electro-plated Butter Coolers.
Tea and Coffee Pots.
Table Napkin Rings.
Bread Platters and Bread Knives.
Tea Trays and Waiters.
Coal Scuttles.
Vases and Pardonians.
Fire Irons and Stands.
Skates, Boys' and Girls' Sleighs.
Snow Shovels, Sleigh Balls.
Also, a large assortment of Lamps, new patterns very cheap; Lamp Glasses, Globes, Shades, Wicks, Burners, etc. etc., at

JOHN HORSMAN'S,
HARDWARE MERCHANT,
GUELPH.

RAYMOND'S
SEWING MACHINES

Family Sewing Machine (single thread)
Hand Lock Stitch (double thread)
No. 1. Foot Power.
No. 2. For heavy work.
Furnished with plain tables, half, or Cabinet Cases, as required.

CHARLES RAYMOND,
GUELPH, ONTARIO.

POULTRY SHOW.
OPEN TO THE WORLD.

POULTRY BOOKS

The Illustrated Book of Poultry, by Wright.
The Poultry Book, by Tegetmeier.
Eggs and Poultry as a Source of Wealth.
Domestic Poultry, how to rear and keep them.
The Pet Journal Magazine.
Poultry Books from 15c to \$10.

A LARGE STOCK ON HAND AT
ANDERSON'S
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THE ILLUSTRATED BOOK OF POULTRY
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With 50 coloured portraits of prize birds.
Price \$9.00.

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Plain Illustrations, \$1; Coloured, \$1.50.
A large stock of other books.
Cheap, Cheap, Cheap.

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GREAT CHEAP SALE
At I. & J. Andrews'
FANCY STORE,
OPPOSITE THE MARKET,
CONSISTING OF SLIPPER PATTERNS
Toys, Dolls, and a general stock of
FANCY GOODS.

Berlin Wools in all shades
All of which will be sold at and below cost
Orders received for Hair Jewellery.
I. & J. ANDREWS.
Guelph, Jan. 13th, 1874.

TO BUILDERS.
Guelph General Hospital

Parties desirous of tendering for the erection of the Guelph General Hospital may see the plans and specifications and obtain information at my office. Tenders, either for the whole contract or the separate trades, will be received by me, directed to George Elliott, Esq., chairman, up to noon of the 14th inst.

All tenders will be required to be endorsed "Tenders for Hospital."
The Board of Directors do not bind themselves to accept the tender of any one.
VICTOR STEWART,
Brownlow Buildings, Guelph.
Guelph, March 2, 1874.

New Advertisements.
Co-Operative Store.
ARRIVAL OF NEW GOODS
OUR NEW TWEEDS
Were selected from six different houses, therefore we have a choice lot to choose from. We employ a Tailor.
NEW COTTONS
Horrocks Bleached Cottons, soft finish; also, Linen finished Cottons, all prices. Dundas and Lybster Cottons in stock.
NEW PRINTS
Hoyles & Ashton's Fancy Prints will be offered at 12 1/2 cents per yard.
NEW BOOTS AND SHOES
For style, finish and durability will be found superior to former years. Ladies Prunella Boots 75c per pair.
J. C. MACKLIN & CO.
GUELPH, March 2, 1874 dw

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NEW HATS AND CAPS
-AT-
SHAW & MURTON'S,
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NEW SPRING GOODS
Commencing to Arrive
AT THE
FASHIONABLE WEST END.
A. O. BUCHAM,
Fashionable West End Dress, Mantle, and Millinery Establishment.

"Pay as You Go."
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 cut specially for themselves. Repairing done as usual.

Remember the House—The Dominion Shoe Store, Day's Block, opposite the Town Hall.
WM. TAWSE & SON.
Guelph, Feb. 9, 1874 dw2intcs

Elephant Clothing Store.
C. E. PEIRCE & CO.

Just Received a splendid new stock of
HATS AND CAPS!

C. E. PEIRCE & CO.,
Hepburn's Old Stand, Wyndham-st., Guelph.
Guelph, Mar. 2, 1874.

ALL READY
FOR THE
COLD WEATHER
In every Department
AN
Immense Stock
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NEW GOODS
AT
WILLIAM STEWART'S
Who is now offering some of
The Cheapest Lines
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A fair comparison asked with any House as he feels satisfied that the Goods and prices will well repay the purchaser, as from
10 to 15 Cents can be Saved
On every dollar's worth of Goods bought, as all were bought in the Cheapest Markets, and will be sold at the very lowest prices.

DRESS GOODS
A SPECIALTY
New Flannels, all qualities;
2500 yards Union Shirting Flannels 25c., worth 35c.
475 Ladies Beaver and Cloth Jackets cheap.

In the Cloth Department
THE NEWEST
Coatings, Trouserings, and Vestings
and made up to order in the most fashionable styles.
WM. STEWART.
Guelph, Oct. 15, 1873.

PAY UP.
All parties indebted to W. D. HEPBURN & CO. are requested to call at the old stand, and pay their accounts before the 15th of March, or they will be placed in the hands of A. A. Baker, Esq., for collection.
W. D. HEPBURN & CO.
GUELPH, Feb. 17, 1874. dw

NOTICE.
Erb's Celebrated FALL WHEAT FLOUR
For Bread and Pastry.
ROBERTSON BROS., SOLE AGENTS.
Dealers in Goldie's and Armstrong's Flour, Graham Flour, Buckwheat Flour, Corn Flour, Cracked Wheat, Oatmeal, and Feed of all kinds.
Delivered free to any part of the Town.
Do not forget the stand—Red Mill Flour and Feed Store, opposite the Alma Block Wyndham Street, Guelph.
ROBERTSON BROS.,
Guelph, Feb. 19, 1874.

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