

CURTAILED.—The Manitoba Free Press... an unfortunate cow, a dweller on the south side of the Assiniboine, was calmly switching her tail about in anticipation of the coming fly time, when the narrative took a leap in itself around a poplar sapling. The cow wanted to come away, but the tree restrained her for some time, when, throwing all her energy and beef into one magnificent rush, she did come away; but, like Tam O'Shanter's mare, or little Bo-Peep's sheep, she left her tail behind her. And now they say that the milk that cow gives may be called lack-tail fluid.

The most unique place of amusement in London, Eng., is the new Criterion Theatre, built forty feet underground. The stage is large, and the auditorium is handsomely decorated. The theatre being, like all theatres, lighted by gas, the absence of day-light is not perceived, and, strange to say, there is no perceptible difference in the matter of ventilation between the Criterion and other theatres. When the visitor, however, remembers that he is at the bottom of a deep cellar, and that over his head the usual business of a popular restaurant is going on, he is inclined to doubt whether the atmosphere which he is breathing is perfectly pure. There is no good reason why the subterranean regions should not be more largely utilized than they have been. By the aid of artificial ventilation, half the warehouse and wholesale business of the Metropolis might be transacted "down cellar," and thus the capacity of the city for residences and business be nearly doubled.

THE TICHBORNE JURY.—The British Government seems to be acting in a somewhat stony manner towards the Tichborne jury. Owing to the protracted nature of the trial, many of the jurors, who are mostly commercial men, had suffered severe losses in their business, and objected to the ordinary fee of one guinea a day as altogether insufficient compensation, and suggested that two guineas would be more like a reasonable allowance. The objection, which was made at an early stage of the proceedings, was supported by the Lord Chief Justice, and was supposed to have been acquiesced in by the representatives of the Treasury present. The Government now offer a lump sum of 300 guineas each, and decline to go beyond that, although to accede to the demands of the jurors, and the recommendation of the Bench would only involve the payment of 78 guineas more each man.

CHEESE EXPORTED.—During the past year, from January 1st, 1873, to January 1874, the exportations of American cheese have been the largest ever known, amounting in round numbers to 104,000,000 pounds. And yet with this immense exportation, and the increased production of cheese in the States and in Canada over former years, the markets both in Europe and America have never been more closely cleaned out, or short of American cheese than at present. This state of things makes it obvious that the new make of cheese going upon a bare market will command good prices, especially if the quality of the goods be unexceptional in "meat and flavor."—*Farmer's Advocate.*

THE ASHANTE MEDAL.—There is every likelihood that Her Majesty will direct that a medal shall be struck to commemorate the Ashante war, with one bar for Amouful or Coomassie. Only the troops, marines and sailors engaged at the front will be entitled to the bar, but all who took part in the expedition, even those who were kept in reserve and did not land, will have a legal claim to the Ashante medal.

Mr. John Galletley finds that cotton soaked in boiled linseed oil, and the temperature raised to 170° F., and shortly after that took fire. It was found that required about five hours, rape oil ten hours, olive oil six hours, lard oil four hours, seal oil about two hours, castor oil slight charring in two days, and sperm oil negative results.

MANUFACTURE OF COCOA.—"We will now give an account of the process adopted by Messrs. James Epps & Co., manufacturers of the Biston Brand, London."—See article in *Cassell's Household Guide.*

Commercial.

Guelph Markets.

MERCURY OFFICE, April 17.

Flour, per 100 lbs.	83 00	to 83 50
Full Wheat, per 100 lbs.	1 05	to 2 05
Treadwell, do.	1 10	to 1 15
Spring Wheat (Glasgow), 1 00	to 1 03	
Spring Wheat (red chaff) 1 70	to 1 75	
Oats, do.	1 17	to 1 20
Hay, do.	1 00	to 1 05
Barley, new, do.	3 89	to 2 39
Hay, per ton	12 00	to 14 00
Wood, per cord	4 00	to 5 00
Eggs, per dozen	11 00	to 12 00
Butter, dairy packed	29 00	to 32 00
Butter, rolls	23 00	to 25 00
Potatoes, per bushel	60 00	to 65 00
Apples, per 100 lbs.	90 00	to 1 00
Dressed Hogs, per cwt.	6 80	to 7 25
Beef, per cwt.	4 00	to 7 00

Toronto Markets.

TORONTO April 16

Full Wheat, per bushel	81 27	to 81 32
Spring Wheat, do.	1 15	to 1 20
Barley, do.	1 56	to 1 57
Oats, do.	1 46	to 1 48
Peanut, do.	12 00	to 14 00
Dressed Hogs per 100 lbs.	7 50	to 8 25
Butter, lb rolls	37 00	to 40 00
Butter, tub dairy	39 00	to 42 00
Eggs, fresh, per doz.	15 00	to 16 00
Apples, per barrel	2 50	to 3 00
Potatoes, per bushel	60 00	to 65 00
Hay, per ton	20 00	to 25 00
Straw, do.	14 00	to 16 00

Hamilton Markets.

HAMILTON, April 15.

White wheat, per bushel	81 25	to 81 25
Treadwell, do.	1 23	to 1 25
Red wheat, do.	1 13	to 1 20
Spring wheat, do.	1 12	to 1 11
Oats, do.	1 00	to 1 05
Barley, do.	1 20	to 1 30
Corn, do.	70 00	to 75 00
Ruckwheat, do.	63 00	to 65 00
Clover, do.	6 00	to 6 30
Timothy, do.	3 25	to 3 75
Butter, fresh, per cwt.	25 00	to 32 00
Butter, tub, do.	25 00	to 31 00
Apples, per bag	1 00	to 1 15
Potatoes, do.	1 00	to 1 15

Special Notices.

AS NUMEROUS CASES OF Hypophosphites, containing strychnine, without being properly labeled, purchasers of Dr. Wheeler's Compound Syrup of Phosphates and Gallicina are requested not to confound the two preparations, as is frequently done, under the supposition that both are of the same medicinal properties. Phosphates are necessary elements of the animal organism, and absolutely essential to the phenomena of life. They enter into the composition of every solid and fluid of the human body, and are the natural exciting agents of the functions of nutrition, and determine perfect cell formation and the growth of tissues. For supplying the waste resulting from mental and muscular exertion there can be no substitute for Phosphates with their salts. All cells of working tissue are chemically constituted as life. Attributing the effects of strychnine to the action of hypophosphites, and to take the deductions and errors in practice, and greatly misled the public to their true merits.

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ONTARIO School of Agriculture and Experimental Farm

This Institution will be open for the reception of pupils on the 1st day of May next, when a preparatory term of one year will be commenced. The objects of the Institution are:—First, To give a thorough mastery of the practical and theory of husbandry to the 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 to publish the results of the same from time to time.

Until the farm has been systematically laid out and brought into order for the special purposes to which it is to be applied, and until the necessary buildings and offices have been erected, it is not deemed expedient to settle definitely the curriculum of instruction to be given, or the conditions upon which students will be admitted when the Institution is in full operation. For some time to come the work of the farm will be mainly confined to the preparation of the fields and buildings for the systematic instruction of pupils; and during this preparatory term the chief aim will be to teach the pupils how to perform the farm work in the best and most profitable manner, coupled with such practical and scientific knowledge as will enable them clearly to comprehend the results sought to be obtained from each operation, and the scientific facts and principles on which it is based.

During said term the number of pupils will be limited to the strength of the farm, as practically employed in the operations of the farm, and as this number must necessarily be small at present, (namely, about thirty) a selection will be made in case more than the required number apply of such as shall be considered likely to derive the most benefit from the instruction to be given. The Institution will be strictly non-sectarian, but all pupils—except those who from conscientious scruples formally object to do so—will be required to be regularly present at morning and evening prayers, and also to attend their respective places of worship, at least once every Sunday.

The pupils must engage on an average seven hours daily in the work of the farm, farm-yard and garden. In return for their work they will receive instruction, board, lodging and washing, free of expense, and, in the event of the completion of the term, and passing the prescribed examination during the year, to the satisfaction of the Principal and his colleagues, they will each receive at the close of the year the sum of fifty dollars in money.

The qualifications necessary for admission to the Institution for the said Preparatory Term shall be merely those which, under the Provincial School Law, every boy who possesses in passing from Common School into a High School, viz.: A thorough knowledge of ARITHMETIC—As far as Simple Proportion, inclusive. ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND COMPOSITION—Analysis and parsing of sentences; writing a familiar letter, reading, spelling and dictation. Outlines of English and Canadian History. Outlines of General Geography, and Geography of the Dominion of Canada.

A certificate of admission to any High School or College in the British Empire, or a certificate as a duly qualified teacher, will be accepted in lieu of an examination; but special arrangements will be made for the examination of candidates not possessing such certificates.

In addition to the above qualifications the candidate must produce satisfactory certificates of sound bodily health from a duly qualified medical practitioner; and a certificate of good moral character from a clergyman of the denomination to which the candidate belongs.

He must also enter into an agreement (with the consent of his parents and guardians) that he will complete the term of one year, and during that period submit to the rules, and give his whole time to the duties and studies of the Institution. All applications to be forwarded to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of April next. H. McCANDLESS, Principal.

NOTICE. The time for receiving applications is EXTENDED TO THE 25TH INST. H. McCANDLESS, Principal. Guelph, April 11, 1874.

JUST RECEIVED AT G. B. McCullough's NEW DRUG STORE A LARGE SUPPLY OF "Handy Package Dyes"

In all shades, comprising Scarlet, Bismarck, Falmouth, Rose, Slate, Blue Magenta, Brown, Fonceau, Maroon, Black, Violet, Garnet, Green etc.

Each package warranted to color one or more pounds of goods. See sample card in window. Price 15 cents per package.

A LSO, THE Depilatory Powder Warranted to remove false hair without injuring the skin. G. B. McCULLOUGH, Dispensing Chemist. No. 3, Day's Block.

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In thanking his friends and the public for their kind patronage in the past, would be to inform them that he will give them a FINAL BARGAIN as the whole of his valuable stock must be turned into money. Call and see for yourselves, as bargains will be given such as were never before foreseen in Guelph. Store next the post office. R. CRAWFORD. Guelph, March 31, 1874.

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FARM TO RENT FOR PASTURE. To rent, the farm being lot No. 12, 9th con., Fushich, 100 acres, all in pasture. Possession given immediately. Apply to Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Kent street, Guelph, Guelph, April 1, 1874.

THE CORPORATION OF THE Town of Guelph, COUNTY OF WELLINGTON.

BY-LAW NO. 1 A BY-LAW for the purpose of providing for the erection of a new Town Hall and Market House in the Town of Guelph, and for the issue of Twenty five thousand dollars of Debentures for that purpose.

WHEREAS, it is expedient to erect a new Town Hall and Market House in the Town of Guelph required for the use of the Corporation of the said Town, and on land belonging to the Corporation. And whereas, it is necessary and expedient for the Corporation of the Town of Guelph to raise by way of loan the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, and to create a debt of twenty-five thousand dollars for the purpose of providing for the amount required in the erection of the said new Town Hall and Market House.

And whereas, it will require an amount of two thousand one hundred and eighty-one dollars to be raised annually by special rate on all taxable property within the municipality of the Town of Guelph for paying the said debt and interest under this By-law.

And whereas, the amount of the whole rateable property of the municipality of the Town of Guelph, irrespective of any future increase in the nature of tolls, interest or dividends, or returns from the said work; and also, irrespective of any interest from the temporary investment of the said sinking fund or principal money to be raised hereunder, or any part thereof, was according to the last revised Assessment Roll \$2,999,100.

And whereas, the existing debt, including debentures issued for Municipal Loan Fund debt of the said municipality for principal, the sum of one hundred and seventeen thousand seven hundred and nine dollars, and for interest the sum of \$11,000.

And whereas, it is intended to make the said debt repayable in twenty annual instalments, such instalments to be of such amounts that the aggregate amount payable for principal and interest in any year shall be equal as nearly as may be to what is payable for principal and interest during each of the other years of such period, such instalments to be as follows:—

Year.	Principal.	Interest.	Total.
1875	\$ 600	\$1,400	\$2,000
1876	600	1,464	2,064
1877	600	1,528	2,128
1878	600	1,592	2,192
1879	600	1,656	2,256
1880	600	1,720	2,320
1881	600	1,784	2,384
1882	600	1,848	2,448
1883	600	1,912	2,512
1884	600	1,976	2,576
1885	600	2,040	2,640
1886	600	2,104	2,704
1887	600	2,168	2,768
1888	600	2,232	2,832
1889	600	2,296	2,896
1890	600	2,360	2,960
1891	600	2,424	3,024
1892	600	2,488	3,088
1893	600	2,552	3,152
1894	600	2,616	3,216

And whereas, it will require an equal annual special rate of one and a tenth mills in the dollar in addition to all other rates to be levied in each year for paying the said debt hereby to be created and interest.

And whereas, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, by and with the sanction of his Council, hath consented to and approved of this By-law.

And whereas, this By-law hath been duly assented to by the electors of the municipality before the final passing thereof according to law.

And whereas, a copy of this By-law with due notice hath been duly published according to law.

Be it therefore enacted, by the Corporation of the Town of Guelph aforesaid, by the Council thereof, and with the assent of the electors aforesaid, and the consent and approval of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario in Council, and by virtue of the Acts of Parliament in that behalf, as follows:—

1.—That it shall be lawful for the Mayor of the said town of Guelph for the time being, and he is hereby authorized, empowered, and required to raise by way of loan, from any person or persons, body or bodies corporate, who may be willing to advance the same upon the credit of the Debentures hereinafter mentioned the sum of Twenty-five thousand dollars, and to cause the same to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Town of Guelph for the purpose and with the object above recited.

2.—That it shall be lawful for the said Mayor, and he is hereby authorized and required to cause Debentures to be made for such sums of money as may be required, not exceeding in the whole the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, and not less than one hundred dollars each, and to negotiate and dispose of such Debentures, and that the said Debentures shall be sealed with the seal of the said Corporation of the Town of Guelph, and signed by the said Mayor, and countersigned by the said Treasurer.

3.—That the said Debentures shall be made payable in twenty years, by instalments as aforesaid, at the office of the Treasurer of the said municipality, and shall have attached to them coupons for the payment of interest, which interest shall also be payable at the office of the said Treasurer.

4.—That the said Debentures shall bear interest at and after the rate of six per cent. per annum from the date thereof, and the same shall be payable half yearly.

5.—That for the purpose an equal special rate of one and a tenth mills in the dollar shall in addition to all other rates, be raised, levied and collected in each year upon all the rateable property in the said municipality during the continuance of the said Debentures or any of them.

6.—That the proceeds of the said Debentures shall be applied in paying for the erection of the said new Town Hall and Market House, but no person taking the said Debentures or any of them shall be bound to see to the application of the proceeds thereof.

7.—That this By-law shall take effect upon and after the Sixth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

8.—That the votes of the electors of the said municipality upon this By-law shall be taken on the Fourth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, at the hour of nine o'clock in the forenoon, and at the places hereinafter mentioned, being every place in the municipality at which elections of members of the Council therein are held; and the persons hereunder named are hereby appointed

Returning Officers to take the votes of the said places respectively, that is to say:— NORTH WARD—Joseph Mimmack. SOUTH WARD—Thos. W. Cooper. EAST WARD—Wm. J. Patterson. WEST WARD—Edwin Newton.

NOTICE. I, John Harvey, Clerk of the Council, of the Town of Guelph, hereby give notice and state that the foregoing is a true copy of a proposed By-law which will be taken into consideration by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Guelph, after one month from the first publication thereof, in the newspaper known as the Guelph Mercury, and advertised, published at the Town of Guelph, the date of which publication was the Eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, at the hour, day and places in the said By-law fixed for taking the votes of the electors the polls will be held for that purpose. JOHN HARVEY, Town Clerk, Guelph. Guelph, April 11th, 1874.

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