

Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway.

At the annual meeting of this Company, held on Tuesday, the Directors' report was submitted and adopted. After referring to the completion of the line, etc., it goes on to say:—

No further action has been taken in the matter of the proposed Durham Extension from Cliford to Durham, and the Owen Sound Extension from Paisley to Owen Sound. Your Directors have been powerless to act, in consequence of the G. W. R. Co. not having yet agreed to equip and operate the lines, if constructed, but they yet hope to give the people of their sections the Railway facilities they so much desired.

Your Directors regret that the southern extension still remains unopened, it being held by the contractors for an unpaid balance due them. The bonds that the Company have been allowed to issue have been all exhausted, and the municipalities which contributed bonuses have paid them all in full, and the proceeds have been applied to the payment of the debts of the Company. To meet the balance due the contractors, we rely upon the Government aid already mentioned and the proceeds of the issue of bonds on sidings, as provided for in the amendment to the charter of the 15th February, 1871, which authorizes the issue of bonds to the extent of \$12,000 per mile on the length of the sidings, providing the consent of the G. W. R. is obtained. Your Directors, therefore, applied to that Company for such consent, which has not yet been given. Your Directors took advantage of the presence in this country of the Committee of Investigation of the G. W. R. to bring the matter under their notice, and at a meeting which took place between them it was suggested that an effort be made to induce the subscriber to the \$300,000 of stock, on which \$30,000 had been paid in cash, to transfer their interest in the same to the G. W. R. Co. on condition that they would give consent to the issue of Bonds on sidings as above mentioned, and thus enable the line to be opened by the 15th June.

Your Directors are willing to make sacrifices, and use every effort to open the line; therefore, upon the recommendations of your Board, holders of Stock amounting to \$232,000, on which \$23,200 has been paid, have agreed to transfer their interest on the conditions above stated.

Your Directors are in daily expectation of receiving from the English Board of the G. W. R. a favorable reply to that proposition, which will enable the Company to hand over the line to the G. W. R. to be equipped and operated under the agreement between the Companies.

From the Engineer's report we learn that the line is in excellent order. With regard to the work at the terminus at Southampton he says:—

"The important works on the harbour at Southampton, then under construction by the Government of the Dominion, are now drawing towards completion, and it is expected that early in July next the shore pier will be ready for the large class of steamers engaged on the Lake Superior route to receive and discharge their cargoes. The rails are laid on your line to connect with this pier, so that direct communication between the railway and the steamers can be effected at once, thus affording perfect accommodation for the originally projected and important through traffic by way of the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway to Lake Superior, with its enormously rich mineral region, the Red River country, and the far western portions of the Dominion."

And now Elora wants a town clock. What next?

Mr. A. Anderson, of the North American Hotel, Fergus, has matched his horse "Black Duke" against a horse named "Dick" owned by Mr. John Colwell of the Union Hotel, Galt, for \$100 a side. The race is to take place on the Waterloo Driving Park, on the 15th of July, mile heats, best 3 in 5.

Close of Schools.—A circular has been received from the Educational Department stating that the Council of Public Instruction have directed that the spring term shall this year close on Friday, 26th June, in order to facilitate the holding of entrance examinations to the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes on the 29th and 30th of that month. Our schools in Guelph will accordingly close on 26th prox. for the Summer holidays.

SCHOOL CALLED.

Don't you hear the children coming, Coming into school? Don't you hear the master drumming On the window with his rule? Master drumming, child, 'en coming Into School?

Tip-toed figures reach the catch, They fingers click the latch; Curly-headed girls throng in, Lilly-free from 'sil and sin; Breezy boys bolt in together, Bringing breaths of winter weather, Bringing baskets Indian-checked, Diners in their sady wreathed, Ruddy-handed, mittens off, Soldiers ash from the Malmokoff— Built of snow, and marble white, Bastions shining in the light, Marked with many a dint and dot Of the ice-cold cannon shot! Hear the last assaulting shout! See the gunners rally on!— Charge upon the battered door— School is called, the battle o'er!

Commercial.

Guelph Markets.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Flour, Fall Wheat, Spring Wheat, Oats, Peas, Barley, Hay, Potatoes, Apples, and Beef.

Toronto Markets.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Fall Wheat, Spring Wheat, Oats, Peas, Barley, Dressed Hogs, Butter, Eggs, Apples, Potatoes, and Straw.

Hamilton Markets.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like White wheat, Treawell, Peas, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Clover, Timothy, Butter, Eggs, Apples, and Potatoes.

THE Druggists have just received a supply of Dr. Wheeler's Celebrated Chemical Food and Nutritive Tonic, the Compound Elixir of Phosphates and Calcium. This preparation has been in use in private practice for fifteen years, and is confidently recommended to the public as the most elegant and reliable remedy for building up constitutions that have for a long time been suffering from Chronic Wasting Disease, depending upon poor blood. It perfects nutrition by aiding the digestion and assimilation of food, and thereby building up all the organs and tissues of the body. In diseases peculiar to women, and in delicate children, it supplies a want long felt by the physician, of a safe and agreeable remedy that may be taken for a protracted period without any possibility of injury, or of becoming repugnant to the patient. Sold at \$1.

MONTHLY CATTLE FAIRS.

HARRISTON—Friday before the Guelph Fair. BASWORTH—Saturday before Guelph. DEXTON—Saturday before Guelph. ELORA—The day before Guelph. DOUGLAS—Monday before Elora Fair. GUELPH—First Wednesday in each month. CLIFFORD—Thursday before the Guelph fair. TREVADALE—Friday before the Guelph fair. NEW HAMBURG—First Tuesday each month. BERLIN—First Thursday in each month. HILLSBURG—Second Tuesday in January. WATERLOO—Second Tuesday in each month. MOUNT FOREST—Third Wednesday in each month. HANOVER—Monday before Durham. DURHAM—Tuesday before Mount Forest. FERGUS—Thursday following Mount Forest. ORANVILLE—Second Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September and November. MOSS MILLS—Third Wednesday in January, April, July and October. ERIN—First Monday in January, April, July and October. MASONVILLE—First Tuesday in February. BRANFORD—First Thursday in each month. LISTOWEL—First Friday in each month. HILLSBURG—Second Tuesday in January. March, May, July, September and Nov. MOOREFIELD—Monday before Guelph. HAMILTON—Crystal Palace Grounds, the day after Guelph.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY. Trains leave Guelph as follows: WEST—1:45 a.m.; 9:45 a.m.; 1:55 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.; 8:40 p.m. To London, Goderich and Detroit. To Berlin. EAST—8:05 a.m.; 8:00 a.m.; 11 a.m.; 4:40 p.m.; and 7:25 p.m. GREAT WESTERN—GUELPH BRANCH. Going south—6:40 a.m.; 2:25 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. Going north—11:45 a.m. for Southampton mixed 1:45 p.m. for Palmerston; 6:15 p.m. for Harriston; 9:45 p.m. for Fergus.

LIME, BRICKS AND TILES.

FOR SALE. The subscribers are prepared to furnish Lime in quantities to suit purchasers at the Kilns on the York Road, Guelph. Also, constantly on hand Bricks and Tiles, at their residence, Liverpool-st., Guelph. PEARSON & SON. Guelph, March 31, 1874. 3m

NEW COAL YARD.

The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of

Hard and Soft Coal.

at moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham street, will be promptly attended to. GEORGE MURTON, Guelph, March 1st 1874. dy Proprietor

IRON CASTINGS.

Of all kinds, made to order at

CROWE'S IRON WORKS,

Norfolk Street, Guelph. JOHN CROWE, Proprietor

Brass Castings.

MADE TO ORDER BY HARLEY & HEATHER, IRON FOUNDERS, Huskisson street, east side Market house Guelph, April 27th, 1874. d3wm

NEW Confectionery Establishment.

The subscribers having rented the store lately occupied by G. B. McCullough as a Drug Store, Corner of Wyndham and Quebec-sts. Have fitted it up for Confectionery, with a commodious

Ice Cream Parlor in the Rear,

Where they intend carrying on the above line in all its branches, and hope by strict attention to business, and keeping a good stock always on hand, to merit a due portion of the public patronage.

A supply of Ice Cream and Soda Water, and a variety of

BISCUITS, BUNS, CAKES, CANDIES, etc. always on hand.

Bride and other Cakes made to order. SMITH & SUTTON, Guelph, May 21, 1874. dw

R. CRAWFORD'S SALE

Watches, Clocks, and Jewellery.

Will only last till the 1st of June, when the stock will be transferred.

STILL ON HAND Some Fine Gold Watches, \$100;

Fine Silver Watches, all prices; CLOCKS AND JEWELRY IN EVERY VARIETY.

All who want such articles will save money by purchasing from me, as I will give bargains such as cannot be had again for some time. Call early and judge for yourselves. Store next the Post Office. Guelph, May 5, 1874. CRAWFORD, dw

TO BUILDERS.

The subscribers have on hand and will continue to keep

Glazed Sewer Pipes ALL SIZES;

FLUE PIPES, OVAL AND ROUND,

Made by Messrs. Campbell & Son, Hamilton. All orders executed promptly. H. CLEARIHUE & CO., Successors to Robert Rae & Co., GUELPH. dwim

WOODLAND NURSERIES.

New and Beautiful PLANTS

Green House, Foliage, Window and Bed-ding Plants.

The undersigned are prepared to supply healthy flowering plants at low prices. Having facilities to grow a large quantity of plants, we are in a position to fill a want that was felt in Guelph. All our stock has been selected with care, embracing many

New and Beautiful Plants.

Novelties of merit will be added to our stock as they appear.

Vegetable Plants

Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery, Tomatoes, Asparagus, &c. &c.

Strawberry Plants at low rates by the 100 or 1000.

FEW THOUSAND WELL-GROWN

Apple, Pear and Plum Trees at lowest market rates. All orders entrusted to them will be executed with fidelity and dispatch. Nurseries west of St. Joseph's Hospital. GILCHRIST BROS., Guelph, April 16, '74 dw Guelph, Ont

VALUABLE Property for Sale

IN THE TOWN OF GUELPH

In accordance with the last Will and Testament of the late John Mitchell, the Residue of the estate is now offered for sale as follows:—

Farm Property.

About 200 acres of good land (west of the Eramosa Road in the North Ward) in quantities of one acre and upwards to suit purchasers; part of said land is well timbered and the remainder under cultivation. There are 2 good two-story stone dwelling houses 2 frame barns, &c. on the same. The above property is very suitable for building sites, market gardens, &c.

Also, Lot 15, in the 10th concession, Egrement about six miles from Mount Forest, containing one hundred acres of good land, improved and well watered.

Town Lots.

Lots 23, 24, 25 on the Eramosa Road. 26, 27, 28, 29 on Queen Street. 32, 33, 34, 35 on Delhi Street. Lot 8 on Pearl St., Lot 11, on King St. and Lot 13 on Derry St.

East 1/2 Lot 9, on Macdonnell St., with 2 story frame dwelling. West 1/2 do do with Livery Stable. Lot 6, corner Eramosa Road and Mitchell St., with good 2 story stone dwelling house, 11 rooms, cellar, well, cistern, &c.

Lot 7, on Mitchell St., with frame building, 20 x 30, suitable for a workshop. TERMS—One fourth in cash; balance in from 2 to 4 years as may be agreed upon, with interest at 5 per cent. A large cash payment will be required on the timbered land. For further particulars apply to

JOHN MITCHELL, RICHARD MITCHELL, Executors. Guelph, March 27th 1874. dtwf

IMPORTANT SALE OF PIANOS

The Committee appointed to dispose of the Pianos at the Manufactory of JOSEPH F. RAINER, WEST MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH; Will offer them at a considerable reduction on cost on reasonable

TERMS OF CREDIT.

The stock consists of about 40

First-class Instruments!

Similar to those shown at the last Central Exhibition, and for which he was awarded the first prize.

They are equal in compass of tone, finish and durability to the best instruments of any of the celebrated manufacturers, and as such an opportunity seldom occurs, parties in want of pianos would do well to avail themselves of it.

An inspection invited. A competent person will be on the premises, near Mr. John Harris's, who will show the instruments. Guelph, March 18, 1874. dtwf

DOMINION BOOT AND SHOE STORE

SMILING STOCK

BOOTS AND SHOES

FOR Mens', Womens', Misses and Children's Wear.

We meet the demands of the times with the best goods and the lowest prices.

OUR SPECIALTY IS Custom-made Work

Which is made in all the latest styles. Sure fit. Reasonable prices.

Repairing done as usual. Remember the House—The Dominion Shoe Store, Day's Block, opposite the Town Hall.

W.M. TAWSE & SON.

Guelph, April 23rd, 1874. dw

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.

NEW Paint Shop.

The undersigned begs to inform the people of Guelph and surrounding country that he has opened a new paint shop in Quebec street, next Fowling's Furniture Shop, and opposite C. Almon's Church. He is now prepared to call kinds of Painting, Glazing, Grain and Paper hanging on short notice. He hopes by strict attention to business and using none but the best materials to secure a share of public patronage. All orders whether from town or country promptly attended to. W. HUMPHRIES, Guelph March 1, 1874. dwim

SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE.

For sale, several first-class Sewing Machines, different makes, all new and in good order. Apply at the Mercury Office.

THE NOTED TEA HOUSE No. 2, DAY'S BLOCK.

Try our EIGHTY CENT TEA: Equal to any Tea sold in Town at \$1.00. One trial will convince.

J. E. McELDERRY 2 DAY'S BLOCK, THE NOTED TEA HOUSE

FRESH ARRIVALS DAILY!



5000 Cocoanuts, 100 Boxes Oranges, 50 Boxes Lemons, 10 Barrels Pine Apples, FOR SALE TO THE TRADE AT CITY PRICES.

HUGH WALKER, Wyndham-st., Guelph.

Guelph May 5, 1874.

TURNIP SEED!

G. & A. HADDEN

Have now on hand a full supply of all the leading varieties of Turnip Seed, THIS SEASON'S IMPORTATION.

Warranted fresh and true to name, which they have every confidence in recommending to their customers and the public generally.

Also just received a large shipment of finest NEW SEASON TEAS

In Moyune, uncoloured, Japan, Gun Powder, Senchong and Congous, to which they would direct special attention.

The Unrivalled Excellence of our Teas Universally Admitted. TRY THEM.

New Sugar in Crushed, Loaf, Ground, Porto Rico, Demara and Refined.

Guelph, May 27, 1874. dtw G. & A. HADDEN.

THOUSANDS ARE USING THE MYRTLE NAVY

Smoking Tobacco AND ARE SATISFIED.

Beware of Imitations. Each genuine Plug has

T. & B.

STAMPED UPON IT. Hamilton, March 12, 1874. d3m

RETURNED TO GUELPH. D. TRIPP

Begs to inform his old friends and the public that he has returned to Guelph and opened his

Boot and Shoe Store on West Market Square,

Next to Pallister's Hotel. He begs to thank them for past favours and hopes to continue to receive their patronage. Guelph, April 27th. D. TRIPP. do

NEW GOODS, NEW GOODS

Just received, a large and carefully selected stock of articles suitable

FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS

And all kinds of Fancy Goods in stock as usual. All orders promptly attended to.

MRS. WRIGHT, Upper Wyndham St., next to the Wellington Hotel.

MONEY TO LOAN ON FARM SECURITY.

The undersigned have \$25,000 for investment in Mortgages on Farms, in sums to suit borrowers, with interest at 8 percent. Early applications requested. LEMON, PETERSON & MACLEAN, Guelph, March 18, 1874. dw

HART & SPIERS,

Conveyancers, Land, Loan, Insurance, and General Agents, 4 Day's Block, Guelph.

In reference to the above, Wm. Hart begs to state that he is now in possession of the same.

Rich Farming Lands

For sale VERY CHEAP by the Union Pacific Railroad Company

The Best Investment! No Fluctuation Always improving in Value!

The wealth of the Country is made by advance in Real Estate

NOW IS THE TIME MILLIONS OF ACRES

Of the finest lands on the Continent Eastern Nebraska, now for sale, many of them never before in Market, at prices that defy competition.

Five and Ten years credit given, with interest at 6 per cent.

The Land Grant Bonds of the Company taken at par for lands. Full particulars given, now Guide with new Maps and free

THE PIONEER

A handsome illustrated paper, containing the Homestead Law, sent free to all parts of the world. Address O. F. DAVIS, Land Commissioner U. P. R. Omaha Neb.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF CANADA.

Notice to the Public.

The public is hereby respectfully notified, on and after Monday, May 11th, RETURN TRIP TICKETS

Will be sold to and from every station on the line of this Company's Railway, including Branches and Leased Lines, at a Reduction of about one-fifth of usual fare.

For example, the Single Fare—Hamilton to Toronto—is \$1.50, the Return Ticket will be \$2, being nearly one-fifth of the usual fare.

These Tickets will be good only for the days, including the day of issue; that is Return Ticket sold on Monday is good for periods from 5 to 15 days.

Early application requested. JOSEPH PRICE, General Manager

General Offices, Hamilton, 5th May, 1874. dtf

J. H. ROMAIN & Co.,

Successors to Nelles, Romain & Co. CANADA HOUSE.

General Commission Merchants AND SHIPPERS,

26, City National Bank Building, Chicago, Ill.

References: Sir John Rose, bank London, England; F. W. Thomas, Esq., bank, Montreal; The Marine Company of Chicago, bankers; Hon. J. Carling, London, Ont; Messrs. Grant Bros., merchants, Montreal; Senator F. Smith (Frank Smith & Co.), Toronto; J. M. Miller, Esq., Perth, Ont. (late of J. M. Miller & Co., commission merchants, Chicago); W. Watson, Esq., banker, New York; D. Butters, Esq., Montreal; J. Whitehead, Esq., M. P. Guelph, Ont.; C. MacFarlane, M. P. Hamilton, Ont.; T. C. Chisholm, Esq., Toronto, Ont.

Jobbing will Receive Careful Attention.

THOS. WORSWICK, Guelph, Ont. dwim

Dec. 17, 1875.