

Special Wedding Gift. A splendid wedding gift, of the value of 2,000 guineas, was presented to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Edinburgh, on the part of the officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, on her arrival in London. It takes the form of a desert service of gold plate, the principal feature of which is a large hexagonal plate bearing the arms of England and Russia in relief, the monogram of the Duke and Duchess, and this inscription:—Presented to Her Imperial Highness the Grand Duchess Marie Alexandrovna, of Russia, on her marriage with Captain His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, R. M. K. G., by the officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines. Each angle of the plate is relieved by finely modelled water nymphs and flowers. The entire service is of tripod form, and enriched with many beautiful figures. There are also two seven-light and two smaller candelabra, pair of claret-pitchers, six fruit-stands, twelve self-cellars of an ingenious shape, and other articles. The entire service is designed, and modelled from works of the Cinque-Cento period.

DISTANCES IN COLORADO.—A correspondent in Georgetown, Colorado, vouches for the truthfulness of the following:—It is well known that in high altitudes, owing to the rarefied air, objects are visible at a great distance; and from the city of Denver, the Rocky Mountains, although some sixteen miles distant, seem but a very short way off. An English gentleman, a tourist, came in on the Kansas Pacific train one morning, fresh from the old country, stopped at the Inter-Ocean Hotel in Denver, and soon made the acquaintance of two of the "old citizens." The Britisher was captivated with the appearance of the mountains, and suggested to the two "old citizens" that, as the mountain range was such a very short distance from the city, they should all take a walk to it, and return in time for dinner. The two "old citizens" saw a chance for some fun, and immediately consented. The trio started west, and walked towards the mountains for some two hours and a half, and the mountains seemed far away as ever. The Englishman was a good walker, and kept a little in advance of his friends. Finally they saw him deliberately sit down, as he came to a small irrigating ditch, perhaps two feet wide, and begin taking off his boots and stockings. When they came up to where he was sitting they asked him, in some surprise, what he was doing that for. The Englishman said he was going to wade the stream. Both the "old citizens," looking at him in astonishment, asked him why he didn't step across it. "Step across it?" replied the Britisher, "step across it? Not I. What do I know about distances in your blasted country!"—Editor's Drawer, in Harper's Magazine for April.

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.

Commercial. Guelph Markets.

Flour, per 100 lbs.	83 00 to 83 50
Fall Wheat, per bushel	1 25 to 1 35
Spring Wheat	1 30 to 1 35
Oats	1 14 to 1 17
Peas	1 00 to 1 05
Barley, new do.	1 35 to 1 50
Hay, per ton	12 00 to 15 00
Straw	3 00 to 5 00
Wood, per cord	4 00 to 5 00
Butter, tub do.	11 to 12
Butter, dairy packed	20 to 22
Eggs, per dozen	35 to 37
Butter, rolls	25 to 27
Potatoes, per bushel	60 to 65
Apples, per bushel	60 to 70
Dressed Hogs, per cwt.	7 25 to 7 50
Beef, per cwt.	4 00 to 4 50

Toronto Markets.

Fall Wheat, per bushel	1 25 to 1 35
Spring Wheat	1 30 to 1 35
Oats	1 14 to 1 17
Peas	1 00 to 1 05
Barley, new do.	1 35 to 1 50
Hay, per ton	12 00 to 15 00
Straw	3 00 to 5 00
Wood, per cord	4 00 to 5 00
Butter, tub do.	11 to 12
Butter, dairy packed	20 to 22
Eggs, per dozen	35 to 37
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Potatoes, per bushel	60 to 65
Apples, per bushel	60 to 70
Dressed Hogs, per cwt.	7 25 to 7 50
Beef, per cwt.	4 00 to 4 50

Special Notices. AS NUMEROUS CASES OF POISONING. Have occurred from the sale to the public of Hypophosphites, containing strychnine, without being properly labelled, purchasers of Dr. Wheeler's Compound Elixir of Phosphates and Cellulose are requested not to confound the two preparations, as is frequently done, under the impression 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 while the system remains chemically unbalanced. Strychnine, on the other hand, has led to false deductions and errors in practice, and greatly misled the public as to their true merits.

EXHAUSTED VITALITY.—THE SCIENCE OF LIFE, OR SELF-PRESERVATION. A Medical Treatise on the Cause and Cure of Exhausted Vitality, Premature Decline in Man, Nervous and Physical Debility, Hypochondria, Impotency, Spermatorrhoea or Seminal Weakness, and all other diseases arising from the errors of youth, or the indiscretions or excesses of mature years. This is indeed a book for every man. Thousands have been taught by this work the true way to health and happiness. It is the cheapest and best medical work ever published, and is one of this class of his worth reading. 160th edition, revised, much enlarged, illustrated. Bound in beautiful French cloth. Price \$1. Sent by mail, post-paid, on receipt of price. Address: TEABODY MEDICAL INSTITUTE, No. 4, Bulfinch Street, Boston, Mass., or Dr. W. H. PARKER, Assistant Physician, N. H.—The author may be consulted on the above as well as all diseases requiring skill and experience. ap54w.

\$5 to \$20 PER DAY. Agents wanted. All classes of working people, of either young or old, make more money at work in our establishments, or at 11 times than at anything else. Particulars free. Address: Geo. S. Yarnall & Co., Portland, Maine. 12547.

JUST RECEIVED AT G. B. McCullough's NEW DRUG STORE A LARGE SUPPLY OF "Handy Package Dyes" In all shades, comprising Scarlet, Bismarck, Salmon, Rose, Slate, Blue Magenta, Brown, Fonceau, Maroon, Black, Violet, Garnet, Green, etc. Each package warranted to color one or two ounces of goods equally. See sample card in window. Price 15 cents per package.

ALSO, THE Depilatory Powder Warranted to remove false hair without injuring the skin. G. B. McCULLOUGH, Dispensing Chemist. No. 3, Day's Block. Next door to J. E. McElderry's and directly opposite John Roseman's.

JAMES CORMACK, TAILOR and CLOTHIER NO. 1, WYNDHAM STREET. Has now on hand a superior stock of FRENCH, SCOTCH, ENGLISH CANADIAN WOOLENS Suitable for the Fall and Winter.

FRENCH COATINGS A speciality this season. A magnificent display of Gents' Furnishing Goods. Also a large and well selected stock of Ready made Clothing at very low prices. JAMES CORMACK, 101 W. Fifth-st., Guelph.

FURNITURE AT RETAIL. BURR & SKINNER Take pleasure in announcing that in addition to their wholesale trade they are now selling at retail at their new warehouses At the Factory, Oxford st., ALL KINDS OF FURNITURE Spring Beds, Mattresses, &c. Having large facilities for making Furniture, they are in a position to offer every inducement in the way of fresh new goods, new designs, and best of finish, all at low prices. Also, all kinds of ordered Work, Upholstering, &c., done at the shortest notice. BURR & SKINNER, Guelph, Jan. 27, 1874. dwt

Guelph Bakery, Two doors above the Wellington Hotel. W. J. LITTLE While thanking the public generally for the liberal patronage heretofore bestowed upon him, would respectfully inform them that he is still prepared to supply them with all kinds of Biscuits, Pastry, Bride's Cakes, and Confectionery of every description. Bread, plain and fancy, always on hand and delivered. W. J. LITTLE, dw Guelph, Oct. 17, 1873

NEW GOODS. Just received, a large and carefully selected stock of articles suitable for the young folks. BERLIN WOOLS 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, Guelph, Dec. 24th, 1873. dw

HART & SPIERS, Conveyancers, Land, Loan, Insurance, and General Agents, 4 Day's Block, Guelph. In reference to the above, Wm. Hart begs to inform his friends and the public that he has entered into partnership with Mr. J. S. Spiers in the above business, and while expressing his grateful acknowledgments for the liberal share of patronage bestowed upon him for the past three years, would respectfully solicit a continuance of the same to the new firm. All business entrusted to us will receive prompt and strict attention. Deeds, Mortgages, Wills, Leases, etc. etc. ready and correctly prepared. Money always on hand in sums to suit borrowers, on mortgages or good personal security. No delay or extravagant charges. Our list of Town and Farm Property is 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, England. HART & SPIERS, 4 Day's Block, Guelph, Ont. 1254w

ANCHOR LINE. Steamers from New York every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Passenger Accommodation Unsurpassed. Rates of passage from Suspension Bridge or Buffalo. To Glasgow, Liverpool or Londonderry, Queenstown or Belfast. Cabin \$65, \$75 and \$90 gold, according to location; Intermediate \$30; Steerage \$34. Drafts issued at lowest rates. For passage or further information apply to Henderson Brothers, 7 Bowling Green, New York, or the Agent, 225-231 W. J. BRUCE, Express Agent, Guelph.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE. GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY. Trains leave Guelph as follows: WEST—To London, Guelph and Detroit. 2:17 a.m.; 9:45 a.m.; 1:30 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.; 8:30 p.m. EAST—To Toronto, Guelph and Detroit. 3:05 a.m.; 6:10 a.m.; 11 a.m.; 4:12 p.m.; and 8:30 p.m. GREAT WESTERN-GUELPH BRANCH. Going south—6:40 a.m.; 1 p.m.; 2:30 p.m.; and 8:30 p.m. Going north—11:35 a.m. for Southampton; mixed 1:40 p.m. for Palmerston; 6 p.m. for Ferris; 9:30 p.m. for Ferris.

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 Five prizes \$500 each in Greenbacks Ten prizes, \$100 each in Greenbacks Two Family Carriages and Matched Horses with Silver-mounted Harness, worth \$1,500 each. Two Buggies, Horses, etc., worth \$600 each. Two fine toned Rosewood Pianos, worth \$500 each. Ten Family Sewing Machines, worth \$30 each. 1500 Gold and Silver Lever Hunting Watches (in all worth) from \$20 to \$300 each. Gold Chains, Silverware, Jewelry, &c., &c. Number of gifts 10,000. Tickets limited to 50,000. AGENTS WANTED to sell Tickets, to whom liberal premiums will be paid. Single tickets, \$2; six tickets, \$10 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.

ALLAN Steamship Line GUELPH AGENCY Prepaid passage certificates issued. Berths and outward tickets secured at best rates. G. A. OXNARD, G.T.R. Agent. INMAN LINE 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 3 months to be had of the Agents, issued by H. D. MOHEOUSE, Exchange Office. ALSO, Agent for the Michigan Central and Erie Railroad. Passengers booked to all points in the United States. MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH. THOS. WORSWICK, MANUFACTURER OF MACHINISTS' TOOLS Complete, with best modern attachments. STEAM ENGINES Of a superior class, with variable cut off. Also cheap Portable and Stationary Engines, the smaller sizes of which are designed for Printing Offices, and others requiring small power. Jobbing will Receive Careful Attention. THOS. WORSWICK, Guelph, Ont. dwtv. Dec. 17, 1873.

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. dw

DOMINION SALOON AND RES TAURANT. Opposite the Market, Guelph. Oysters in their season. First-class accommodation for supper parties. GEORGE BOOKLESS, Proprietor. Guelph, Oct. 31, 1873. dtv

FOR SALE SHORT-HORN BULLS, and Heifers. The subscriber offers for sale two yearling Bulls, colored red, good size, good symmetry; also two yearling Heifers, red and white. All good registered pedigrees. JOSEPH PARKINSON, Elbrook Farm, Elmossa Road, 4 1/2 miles from Guelph.

FRESH FISH RECEIVED DAILY PER EXPRESS. Fresh Cod, Fresh Haddock, Fresh Flounders, Lobsters, Herrings, Salmon Trout, Speckled Trout, Fresh Oysters, cans full.

HUGH WALKER, Wyndham-st., Guelph. 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. JACKSON & HALLETT, IMPORTERS, Wholesale and Retail Grocers, etc. New Fruits, Teas, Coffees Etc., Crop 1873, comprising New Table Raisins, New Valencia Raisins, New Currants, New Figs, Almonds, Nuts, etc. TEAS, TEAS. Choice Gunpowder Tea at 50 cents per lb. Choice Young Hyson Tea at 50 cents per lb. Superior Young Hyson Tea at 75 cents per lb. Finest Young Hyson Tea at \$1 per lb. Choice Fresh Black Teas at 50 cents per lb. Finest Fresh Black Teas at 75 cents per lb. Selected Japan Teas at 75 cents per lb. Reduction to parties taking a box. Also, our own importations of genuine Brandy, Wines, Scotch and Irish Whiskies wholesale and retail.

JACKSON & HALLETT, Lower Wyndham-street, Guelph. FIRST PRIZE BISCUITS JAMES MASSIE, Manufacturer of CHOICE CONFECTIONERY AND BISCUITS, Alma Block, Guelph. Invitations of the Trade to the Superior Quality of Goods now produced at our Manufactory. Having introduced many new improvements, and employing only first-class workmen, and possessing every facility, he is prepared to supply the trade with a class of goods unsurpassed by any manufacturer in the trade.

A Large Stock of Choice and Favorite Brand Cigars. His Biscuits took the first prize over all others at the London Western Exhibition, the only place where they were entered in competition. All Goods are carefully packed and shipped with despatch. At the Noted Tea Store, No. 2, Day's Block, Guelph. 12lbs. Good Bright Sugar for \$1. 8lbs. Broken Loaf " " 1. 8lbs. Ground White " " 1. Good Black Tea, - 50 cents per lb. Extra Choice Congou, 75 " " " Extra Choice Young Hyson, 75c per lb, " Best Golden Syrup, 60c per gallon. 6 bars Walker's Best Soap for \$1. Judd's celebrated Soap, 12c per bar. New Salt at \$1.20 per lb. All Goods warranted to please, or the money refunded. Remember the Noted Tea Store: 2 Day's Block, Guelph. J. E. McElderry.

Just Received, a large lot of New Clover and Timothy Seed.

THE GUELPH Mercury and Advertiser is published every afternoon. Terms \$4 per annum in advance; credit \$5. Delivered in town, by the week, 10 cents. Rates of advertising—First insertion, per nonpareil line, 6 cents; each subsequent insertion, 2 cents. Situations vacant, Notices Wanted, Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Castle Strayed or Stolen, Lost Articles, Specific Articles for Sale, etc., inserted to exceed six lines in length, 25 cents for each insertion; for the same over 5 lines and up to 10 lines, 50 cents each line with each insertion; for the same over 10 lines and up to 20 lines, 25 cents per cent. more will be charged. Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion; funeral notices 25 cents additional. Paragraph advertisements, special notices, etc., charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion, but not more than 10 lines; 25 cents for 10 lines 50 cents first insertion, and so on in proportion. The WEEKLY MERCURY AND ADVERTISER is published every Thursday morning. It has now a GUARANTEED CIRCULATION FIVE TIMES MORE THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER PAPER PUBLISHED IN THIS COUNTY, AND EQUAL TO THAT OF ANY WEEKLY IN CANADA, OUTSIDE OF TORONTO. Terms—\$1.50 a year in advance; credit \$2.00. RATES OF ADVERTISING—For transient advertisements 8 cents per nonpareil line first insertion, and 3 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. Situations Vacant, Notices Wanted, Terms of Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Castle Strayed, Lost Articles, and all advertisements of that class not exceeding 10 lines, sold nonpareil space, 50 cents first insertion, and 25 cents each subsequent insertion, cash at the time. If booked 25 per cent. more will be charged. For any space over ten lines, the rate will be at the same proportion. The average number of words in a 10 line advertisement is 40. Paragraph advertisements, special notices or advertisements intended as local insertions at the reading matter, but not more than 10 lines, first insertion, 25 cents; second insertion, 15 cents; third insertion, 10 cents; and so on in proportion. Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion; funeral notices 25 cents additional. Paragraph advertisements, special notices, etc., charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion, but not more than 10 lines; 25 cents for 10 lines 50 cents first insertion, and so on in proportion. SPECIAL NOTICE. All contracts expiring on the 31st Dec. 1873 are renewed as subject to our revised rates.

Rich Farming Lands For sale VERY CHEAP by the Union Pacific Railroad Company The Best Investment! No Fluctuations! Always improving in Value! The wealth of the Country is made by the advance in Real Estate. NOW IS THE TIME MILLIONS OF ACRES Of the finest lands on the Continent, in 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. For particulars given, new Guide with new Maps mailed free.

THE PIONEER A handsome illustrated paper, containing the Homestead Law, sent free to all parts of the world. Address O. F. DAVIS, ml4-dw3m Land Commissioner U. P. R. R., Omaha, Neb.

ROBERT MITCHELL, LAND, LOAN, Insurance and General Agent Conveyancer, Commissioner in Queen's Bench, &c., Issuer of Marriage Licenses, Arthur, Ontario. Lands for Sale: VILLAGE OF ARTHUR TOWNSHIP OF ARTHUR 2nd and 3rd divisions of lot No. 26, on the west side of the Owen Sound road, containing the Gore in the rear. 148 acres, 100 of which is under a high state of cultivation and laid out into regular lots. Can be sold in two farms if desired. South half of lot No. 1, in 5th con., 100 acres, 15 of which is under cultivation. A good dwelling house and frame barn, about 2 1/2 miles from Arthur. Building on town line between Arthur and Luther. UNIMPROVED LANDS. North half of lot 27, in 5th con., 150 acres. 3 in 9th con., 200 acres. and 15 in 11 con., 400 acres. 12th con., 300 acres. The Nor half of lot 32, in 12th con., 160 acres. Lots 20 and 21, in 7th con., 400 acres. South half of 28, in 8th con., 50 acres. 4 in 8th con., 300 acres. This is a fine lot of land. There is a new frame dwelling house and a log stable on the lot. It is distant about two and a half miles from Simpson's saw mill, on the town line between Arthur and Luther. It will be sold on very reasonable terms. TOWNSHIP OF GARATHA. Lot No. 31, in the 4th con., 200 acres, unimproved. TOWNSHIP OF PEEL. Lot 17, con. A, Peel, 32 acres, about 40 cleared and under cultivation, log dwelling house, log and frame barns and sheds. Also, west half of 25 in 10th con., 180 acres, about 80 acres, 25 or thereabouts, under cultivation. Northwest part of lot No. 15, in 10th con., 50 acres, 88 or thereabouts under cultivation. Good dwelling house, spring creek runs through the land, which is of excellent quality. The above lands will be sold on very reasonable terms: only part of the purchase money required down, the balance to suit purchasers. ROBERT MITCHELL, Arthur, 12th Dec. 1873.

VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY FOR SALE OR TO EXCHANGE. The undersigned offers for sale, or to rent the undermentioned property, viz: First—A valuable improved farm North of the Durham Road, in the Township of Bentick, three miles from the Village of Durham, containing about 200 acres of which about 150 acres are cleared and under fence, with a good patch of Fall Wheat on it. On the premises are a substantial Frame Dwelling House with good cellar, garden and well, with pump of excellent water. Also a Frame Barn 60x30, with 12 or 14 feet posts and underground stabling, and a never failing spring in the barn yard for the supply of water to cattle. This is a very eligible property, and well worthy the attention of those who wish to obtain a good farm. Also—Lot 42, in the 3rd Concession of Bentick, West of the Garthra Road, 100 acres, about 15 acres cleared, with a Frame House on it. The Rocky Ranges River crosses one corner of this lot, and has a valuable water power on it, capable of driving any machinery. Also—Lot 25, in the 1st Concession, South of the Durham Road, one mile from Bentick Station, in the Township of Ardenia. There are about 25 acres cleared and fenced on this lot, with a good new log House. The above lands are well situated and timbered with the best kind of hard wood timber, with indispensable titles—the last two being direct grants from the Crown. Possession given 1st April. For further particulars, &c., apply to the proprietor. JOHN KAY, Brass Founder and Fitter, Upper Wyndham Street Guelph. Guelph, Jan. 7, 1874. 1254w

SEWING MACHINES FOR SALE. For sale, several first-class Sewing Machines, different makes, all new, cheap for cash. Apply at the Mercury Office.