

**Fergus Correspondence.**  
**Governmental Tactics.**—During the last week attempts have been made to scare inmates of houses who are alone. Such disgraceful conduct ought to be met with severe punishment. Should such matters occur again the names of the parties will be made known.  
**The Elton Y. M. C. A.** held their first annual tea meeting in the basement of the Wesleyan Church, on the evening of Friday last. It was a decided success, and there could not have been less than \$80 cleared after paying expenses. The entertainers were present from Guelph and Fergus. The choir sang some excellent pieces of music. The Fergus Y. M. C. A. intend holding special prayer meetings, commencing in private houses and taking larger rooms as they are required.  
**The Weather** during the past week was very rough and stormy, and had the effect of making business dull. Saturday brought finer weather, and business has been better since.  
**Burglars** are suspected of being here, and Constable Mason is on the look out for suspicious parties.  
**A protest** has been filed against the return of Dr. Orton for Centre Wellington. The Tories are shaking in their shoes, and at the call of the little man in Elora, met on Thursday for business of great importance.

**MANUFACTURER 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*.

**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 course, the more you pay, the more you get. Also a large and well selected stock of Ready made Clothing at very low prices. **JAMES CORMACK,** No. 1, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

**NOTICE ABOUT ACCOUNTS.**  
 All accounts for Printing or Advertising rendered to the 1st of January must be paid by the 1st of April, otherwise costs will be incurred. Subscribers in arrears will have to the 1st of April to pay up. After that they will be charged the credit price.

**Commercial.**  
**Guelph Markets.**

Manitowishippi, March 14.	
Flour, per 100 lbs.	83 00 to 83 50
Fall Wheat, per 100 lbs.	1 35 to 2 05
Treadwell	1 35 to 1 35
Spraying Wheat	1 35 to 1 87
Oats	1 14 to 1 17
Peas	1 09 to 1 03
Barley, new	2 45 to 2 50
Hay, per ton	12 00 to 15 00
Wool, per cwt.	3 00 to 4 00
Eggs, per dozen	11 10 to 12 10
Butter, dairy packed	30 10 to 30 10
Butter, tub	30 10 to 30 10
Potatoes, per 100 lbs.	60 10 to 75 10
Apples, per bushel	1 00 to 1 00
Dressed Hogs, per cwt.	6 50 to 7 40
Beef, per cwt.	4 00 to 7 50

**Toronto Markets.**

Toronto, March	
Fall Wheat, per bushel	81 25 to 81 50
Spraying Wheat	1 15 to 1 35
Barley	1 35 to 1 86
Oats	1 14 to 1 17
Peas	1 09 to 1 03
Barley, new	2 45 to 2 50
Hay, per ton	12 00 to 15 00
Wool, per cwt.	3 00 to 4 00
Eggs, per dozen	11 10 to 12 10
Butter, dairy packed	30 10 to 30 10
Butter, tub	30 10 to 30 10
Potatoes, per 100 lbs.	60 10 to 75 10
Apples, per bushel	1 00 to 1 00
Dressed Hogs, per cwt.	6 50 to 7 40
Beef, per cwt.	4 00 to 7 50

**Hamilton Markets.**

Hamilton, March 17.	
White wheat, per bushel	81 25 to 81 25
Treadwell	1 15 to 1 35
Spraying Wheat	1 15 to 1 35
Barley	1 35 to 1 86
Oats	1 14 to 1 17
Peas	1 09 to 1 03
Barley, new	2 45 to 2 50
Hay, per ton	12 00 to 15 00
Wool, per cwt.	3 00 to 4 00
Eggs, per dozen	11 10 to 12 10
Butter, dairy packed	30 10 to 30 10
Butter, tub	30 10 to 30 10
Potatoes, per 100 lbs.	60 10 to 75 10
Apples, per bushel	1 00 to 1 00
Dressed Hogs, per cwt.	6 50 to 7 40
Beef, per cwt.	4 00 to 7 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. W. H. Parkes' Compound Elixir of Strychnine and Calisaya 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 constituted as it is. Attributing the effects of strychnine to the action of hypophosphites 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, Apoplexy, Spermatorrhoea or Seminal Weakness, and all other diseases arising from the errors of youth, or the intemperance 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 the only one of this class of literature. 190th edition, revised, much enlarged, illustrated. Bound in beautiful French cloth. Price \$1. Sent by mail, post-paid, on receipt of price. Address: **PEARSON'S MEDICAL INSTITUTE**, No. 4, Beilich Street, Boston, Mass., or Dr. W. H. PARKER, Assistant Physician, N.B.—The author may be consulted on the above as well as all diseases requiring skill and experience. **50 to \$20 PER DAY.** Agents wanted of every sex, young or old, to make more money at work for us in their respective towns, or at all times, than at anything else. Particulars free. Address: **G. S. BROWN & CO.**, Portland, Maine.

**JUST RECEIVED AT G. B. McCullough's NEW DRUG STORE**  
**"Handy Package Dyes"**  
 In all shades, comprising Scarlet, Blenmark, Falmon, Rose, Slate, Blue Magenta, Brown, Ponceau, 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.  
**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 Horeman's.

**JAMES CORMACK, TAILOR AND CLOTHIER**  
 NO. 1, WYNDHAM STREET.  
 Has now on hand a superior stock of FRENCH, SCOTCH, ENGLISH AND CANADIAN WOOLENS  
 Suitable for the Fall and Winter.  
**FRENCH COATINGS**  
 A speciality this Season.  
 A magnificent display of Geats' Furnishing Goods.  
 Also a large and well selected stock of Ready made Clothing at very low prices.  
**JAMES CORMACK,**  
 No. 1, Wyndham Street, 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.  
**Guelph, Jan. 27, 1874.**

**THE 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.  
**Guelph, Oct. 47, 1873.**

**NEW GOODS, NEW GOODS 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.  
**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. Jas. 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. neatly 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.  
**AGENTS WANTED.**  
**Map of the Dominion.**  
 The largest, the latest, and the most comprehensive for the money yet published. To every intelligent voter who wishes to understand the "situation" with regard to railways and other important territorial interests, this map is indispensable. Agents who take hold of it in earnest and immediately will reap a good harvest, and should send for terms, and state where they saw this advertisement.  
**JAMES CHURCHILL,** Toronto

**RAILWAY TIME TABLE.**  
**GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.**  
 Trains leave Guelph as follows:  
**WEST.**  
 2:17 a.m.; 9:45 a.m.; 1:30 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.; 8:30 p.m.  
 To London, Goderich and Detroit.  
**EAST.**  
 3:05 a.m.; 8:10 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 4:30 p.m.  
 Going north—11:55 a.m. for Southampton; mixed 1:40 p.m. for Palmerston; 6 p.m. for Fergus; 9:30 p.m. for Fergus.

**L.D. SINE'S GIFT ENTERPRISE**  
 The only reliable Gift Distribution in the country.  
**\$1,000,000,000**  
 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  
 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 \$550 each.  
 Ten Family Sewing Machines, worth \$40 each.  
 1500 Gold and Silver Lever Hunting Watches (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.  
**1 NMAN 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, London, Cork, and Glasgow, and prepaid certificates good for 12 months to bring on passengers, issued by H. D. NORRIS & Co., 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 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.  
 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.  
**IF YOU WANT GOOD BREAD USE THE IAMON Yeast Cakes.**  
 Ask your Grocer for it

**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.

**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 Meats 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 Tea ..... at 50 cents per lb.  
 Finest Fresh Black Tea ..... 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.  
 Invites the attention of the Trade to the Superior Quality of Goods now produced by his Manufacturer. 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  
**OZENGES, all flavors;**  
**DROPS, assorted flavors and shapes;**  
**SUM and LICORICE DROPS;**  
**CONVERSION LOZENGES,**  
**MOULDED SWEETS, new patterns;**  
**SODA, SWEET and FRUIT BISCUITS,**  
**FRUIT BISCUITS,**  
**GINGER NUTS,**  
**CHEWING GUM,**  
**ROCK CANDY,**  
**LICORICE.**  
**A Large Stock of Choice and Favorite Brand Cigars.**  
 His Biscuits took the first prize over all others at the London Western his year the only place where they were entered for competition.  
 All Goods 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 " "  
 Imperial Hyson Tea, 50c per lb, best value in Canada.  
 Good Mixed Tea, 50 cents per lb., extra strong.  
 Choice Gunpowder Tea, 75c " "  
 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**  
 The EVENING MERCURY AND ADVERTISER is published every afternoon. Terms 4 per annum in advance; credit 25. Delivered in Guelph, by the week, 10 cents.  
 Rates of advertising—First insertion, per nonpareil line 7 cents; each subsequent insertion 2 cents. Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Cattle Strayed or Stolen, Lost Articles, Specific Articles for Sale, etc., not to exceed 10 lines in length, 5 cents for each insertion; for the same over 10 lines and up to 10 lines, 50 cents each insertion, cash. If booked 15 per cent. more will be charged.  
 Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion; funeral notices 50 cents additional. Paragraph advertisements, special notices, or advertisements intended for local insertion, after the reading matter, but not among it, 25 cents for 5 lines, first insertion; 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 \$5.00.  
 RATES OF ADVERTISING.—For transient advertisements 6 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Cattle Strayed, Lost Articles, and all advertisements of that class not exceeding 10 lines, and 25 cents each subsequent insertion, cash at the time. If booked 15 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 80.  
 Paragraph advertisements, special notices or advertisements intended for local insertion, after the reading matter, but not among it, 25 cents for 5 lines, first insertion; \$1 for 10 lines, first insertion, and so on in proportion.  
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**SPECIAL NOTICE.**  
 All contracts expiring on the 31st Dec. are renewed are subject to our revised rates.  
**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. 18th, 1874. dw.  
**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**  
 A number of Town and Park Lots.  
**TOWNSHIP OF ARTHUR.**  
 2nd and 3rd divisions of 1st No. 26, on the west side of the River Sound road, with the Gore in the rear, 148 acres, 100 of which is under cultivation. 2 good log dwelling houses, frame barn. Can be sold in two farms if desired.  
 South half of lot No. 1, 10th con., 100 acres, 65 of which is under cultivation. A good dwelling house and frame barn, about 2 miles from Arthur Railway Station, on town line between Arthur and Luther.  
**UNIMPROVED LANDS.**  
 North half of 27, in 5th con., 100 acres.  
 3, in 6th con., 200 acres.  
 and 15, in 11 con., 400 acres.  
 12th con., 200 acres.  
 North half of lot 52, in 12th con., 100 acres.  
 Lots 20 and 21, in 12th con., 400 acres.  
 South half of 28, in 8th con., 50 acres.  
 1, in 8th con., 200 acres. This is a fine lot of land. There is a new barn, dwelling house, log and frame barns and sheds. Also, west half of 23, in 1st con., Garamba, about 80 acres, 25 of the above is under cultivation.  
 Northwest part of lot No. 15, in 17th con., 50 acres, 38 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.

**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 Canada, are for sale. Many of them never before in Market, at prices that defy Competition.  
 Five and Ten years credit given, with interest at 5 per cent.  
 The Land Grant Bonds of the Company taken at par for lands. Full 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, Land Commissioner U. P. R. R., m14-dw2m  
 Oshawa, Ont.

**DOMINION SALOON AND RESTAURANT.**  
 Opposite the Market, Guelph.  
 Systems in their season. First-class accommodation for supper parties.  
**GEORGE BOWLES,** Proprietor.  
 Guelph, Oct. 31, 1873. dw