

December Fair.

At the fair to-day there were comparatively few cattle, the farmers no doubt reserving their forces for the Fat Cattle Show on the 10th inst. There was, however, a marked improvement in the quality. Beef was much better than that which has been offered at the last half dozen fairs, and prices were in consequence considerably firmer. This was to be expected. If the country can produce good beef it will bring it out now, and if feeders are to realize higher prices this is the time they must be paid. The major part of the beasts brought in were designed for the butcher. There were a number of yokes of good working cattle, held as usual at a high figure. Milch cows were dear, \$40 being asked for animals which had neither youth nor much beauty in their favour. A few animals were sold by weight and sold well, but the greater part were disposed of by valuation. This is most instances did not exceed at the rate of \$3.50 per cwt. live weight. The following were among the sales effected. Andrew Aitchison, a steer and a heifer for \$90 per cwt.; Donald Horne, two steers for \$95; Mr. McAree, a steer for \$45; Jas. Luttrell, two steers \$70; John Gowdy, a yoke of oxen \$85; Malcolm McBeth, a cow and a steer \$54; P. Beaver, a steer \$30; Donald Markinson, a cow \$17; Patrick Farrell, a cow \$40; G. Wheeler, a cow \$35; Wm. Spencer, a cow \$36; and ten steers at \$37.50 each.

NEW TELEGRAPH OFFICE.—The Montreal Telegraph Company intend opening a new telegraph office in Hespeler, in the post-office.

SOIREE IN PUBLISHED.—A soiree will be held at Dangerpoint on the 11th December, the proceeds of which will be applied in liquidating the debt on the new Temperance Hall. The ministers in the locality and other speakers are expected to give addresses. There will also be vocal and instrumental music. Tea served at 6 p. m. Tickets 25 cents, children half price.

WHOLESALE ONLY.

Merchants desiring to assort their GROCERY and LIQUOR Stock for Christmas and the Holidays, Will do well to take quotations from the subscriber before buying.

Just Received, a large lot of FRESH ENGLISH GROCERIES, which will be offered LOWER than they can be imported, in quantities to suit the COUNTRY TRADE.

JOHN L. LEWIS. Guelph, Nov. 18.

COMMERCIAL.

MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, December 2, 1888.

The markets still continue dull and what change there has been since our last report are for the worse so far as spring wheat is concerned. We look anxiously for more snow, good sleighing and an end of this interrupted dullness which has been oppressing us for the last five or six weeks. The reports from the city markets are no more cheering than our own, there is comparative little doing in any of them, and in nearly all, the prices quoted are nominal. In Montreal, Canada fall wheat is quoted at as low a figure as is paid for it in Guelph, and in Toronto it fetches lower. In some of the best markets of the States the highest price is \$1.25. There is a strong inclination among buyers here, and we presume in other parts of the Province, to bring spring wheat down to what they call "even money"; that is, to a dollar per bushel. They argue strongly too that that will be the selling price during the winter; but although all the knowledge and foresight in such matters may be supposed to rest with the dealers we venture to think that rates will be higher before long. The receipts of all kinds of grain in the Guelph Market are light. Fall wheat has advanced a trifle, and seems to have a slight tendency upwards. Spring wheat has been losing ground all week, so the highest quotations to-day are considerably below those of last week. From some cause unexplained and perhaps inexplicable barley has advanced, and good samples now go freely at \$1.25. The price of this grain is now a matter of less importance to the farmer than the dealer. Most of the barley has been already marketed, so that present or future rates will not be so marked in their effects. It is worth recording, however, that some of those who bought when the grain was highest are still holding, and expect eventually to make their own. Of peas there are but few coming in; and of oats no more than meet local demands. In these two articles there have been no change whatever for a number of weeks. Hay is down; potatoes and apples are steady and not in very active demand. Eggs are firm and butter is easier. There seems to be an opinion that the latter must come down, and the process of reducing the price has actually begun; that best dairy packed brings now only 22 cents. Pork is fairly supplied and has advanced slightly, 87 per cent being now paid freely. We hope to be able to report a more lively market next week.

Table with market prices for various goods like Flour, Wheat, Oats, etc.

Money Market.

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE: Guelph, Dec. 2, 1888.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co.'s report by special Telegram to 'Evening Mercury,' MONTREAL, December 2, 1888.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 1. Fall wheat 1.15 to 1.24; spring wheat, \$1.03 to \$1.15; Hour, No. 1 super, \$4.75; extra \$5.49; barley \$1.39; peas, 75c to 80c; oats, 50c to 51c.

HAMILTON MARKETS.

Hamilton, Dec. 1. Berley, 1.25 to 1.28; peas, 80c to 85c; extra, 85c to 88c; spring wheat, 1.00 to 1.08; white wheat, 1.15 to 1.17; red winter, 1.00 to 1.05.

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ROBT. RUTHERFORD.

Guelph, November 18th. dwy

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WM. MITCHELL. Guelph, 2nd Nov. dw3m

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At H. BERRY'S.

Maple Sugar

At H. BERRY'S.

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At H. BERRY'S.

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ERIN. West-half of Lot 8, in the 1st Con., 100 acres, 80 cleared, good frame barn and shed, and part log and frame dwelling house; well watered & fenced. East-half of Lot 32, 3rd Con., 100 acres, 75 are cleared; new frame house and barn; spring creek.

ELORA. Valuable Tavern Stand for sale in the Village of Elora, at present leased to Robert Cook being Lots 5 and 6, corner of Victoria and Walnut Streets, with stable for 40 horses.

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Lot 8, Concession B, 150 acres, 105 cleared, well watered, close to Elora.

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North-half Lot 18, in the 4th Con., 100 acres. South-half Lot 19, 4th " 100 " Lot 20, 4th " 100 " Lot 21, 4th " 100 " Lot 22, 4th " 100 " Lot 23, 4th " 100 " Lot 24, 4th " 100 " Lot 25, 4th " 100 " Lot 26, 4th " 100 " Lot 27, 4th " 100 " Lot 28, 4th " 100 " Lot 29, 4th " 100 " Lot 30, 4th " 100 " Lot 31, 4th " 100 " Lot 32, 4th " 100 " Lot 33, 4th " 100 " Lot 34, 4th " 100 " Lot 35, 4th " 100 " Lot 36, 4th " 100 " Lot 37, 4th " 100 " Lot 38, 4th " 100 " Lot 39, 4th " 100 " Lot 40, 4th " 100 " Lot 41, 4th " 100 " Lot 42, 4th " 100 " Lot 43, 4th " 100 " Lot 44, 4th " 100 " Lot 45, 4th " 100 " Lot 46, 4th " 100 " Lot 47, 4th " 100 " Lot 48, 4th " 100 " Lot 49, 4th " 100 " Lot 50, 4th " 100 " Lot 51, 4th " 100 " Lot 52, 4th " 100 " Lot 53, 4th " 100 " Lot 54, 4th " 100 " Lot 55, 4th " 100 " Lot 56, 4th " 100 " Lot 57, 4th " 100 " Lot 58, 4th " 100 " Lot 59, 4th " 100 " Lot 60, 4th " 100 "

County of Halton. ESQUESING. W 4 Lot 30, 3rd Concession, 95 acres, 65 cleared. Good buildings.

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Guelph, September 24th. dw

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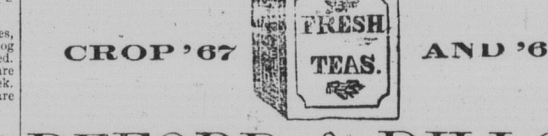
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Guelph, April 1st, 1868.

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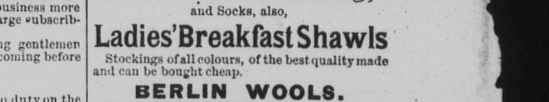
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