

**How the Passengers of the Hibernia were Saved.**

It will be remembered that when the Hibernia foundered at sea, on the 25th, not a single life was lost during the embarkation of the passengers and crew in the small boats, although a severe gale was blowing and a bad sea running at the time. This, I believe, is the first time when under the same circumstances, the same feat has been safely accomplished, and merits some investigation in the case thereof. It seems that some 142 passengers and crew were put into the five boats without accident, except a slight one to one of the life-boats. I find by one of the Glasgow papers that this result was due to the use of oil. Before the boats were launched, the ship being hoisted, Captain Munro had a quantity of oil thrown over the lee side of the ship, upon the water, with the happiest result, as, although the swell was not lessened, the waves were prevented from breaking, thus rendering it easy for the boats to be launched, while being filled with their complement of people. One feels safe in saying that had it not been for the use of this oil some, if not every one of these boats, would have been stove against the iron sides of the doomed Hibernia.

It is a well known fact that in all cases of launching boats in a heavy sea this is the chief danger, and generally a fatal one. Each of the Hibernia's boats was also furnished with a supply of oil, to be used when running before the sea.

It is to be hoped that the use of oil in these cases will be more generally practiced, and that each vessel will carry a supply for use in case of need. This is a subject that merits much attention of all shipmasters and owners.

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**COMMERCIAL.**

**Guelph Markets**

MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, P. M.  
January 7, 1899.

Flour 100 lbs	..... \$ 2.50	@	\$ 2.75
Fall Wheat, 1 bush	..... 1.10	@	1.16
Spring Wheat 1/2 bush	..... 0.98	@	1.00
Oats 1/2 bush	..... 0.52	@	0.53
Peas do	..... 0.80	@	0.85
Barley do	..... 1.10	@	1.20
Hay 1 ton	..... 10.00	@	12.00
Straw	..... 3.00	@	4.00
Shingles, 1/2 square	..... 1.00	@	1.50
Wood, 1 cord	..... 3.90	@	3.50
Wool	..... 0.24	@	0.25
Eggs, 1/2 dozen	..... 0.29	@	0.22
Butter, (store packed) 1/2 lb	..... 0.18	@	0.19
do (factory packed) 1/2 lb	..... 0.20	@	0.22
Grease, each	..... 0.30	@	0.37
Turkeys each	..... 0.37	@	1.00
Chickens, 1/2 pair	..... 0.20	@	0.25
Ducks, do	..... 0.30	@	0.40
Potatoes, per bushel	..... 0.87	@	0.87
Apples, 1/2 bag	..... 1.00	@	1.25
Lamb, 1/2 lb	..... 0.04	@	0.05
Beef	..... 4.00	@	7.00
Beef, 1/2 lb	..... 0.05	@	0.12
Pork, 1/2 lb	..... 7.00	@	8.50
Sheep Pelts each	..... 0.50	@	1.00
Lambskins	..... 0.50	@	1.00
Hides	..... 5.50	@	6.25

**Money Market.**

JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE,  
Guelph, Jan. 7, 1899.

Gold, 135;  
Greenbacks at 7 1/2 to 7 3/4, sold at 7 1/2 to 7 3/4.  
Silver bought at 4 dis.; sold at 3.  
Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 55c. to 60c

**MONTREAL MARKETS.**

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co.'s report by special telegraph to "Evening Mercury."  
MONTREAL, January 7, 1899.

Flour market firm but quiet; moderate demand, but views of holders restricted. Grain—no reported sales; rates of the spring descriptions nominally unchanged. Provisions—little doing; no change to note in price.

Flour—Extra, \$5.50 to \$5.60; Fancy, \$5.10 to \$5.15; Welland Canal Superior, \$4.95 to \$5.00; Superior No. 1 Canada wheat, \$4.95 to \$5.10; Superior No. 1 Western wheat, \$4.95 to \$5.00; No. 2 do, \$4.50 to \$4.60; Bag flour, \$2.40 to \$2.50; Wheat—Canada, Fall, \$1.16 to \$1.18; Spring, \$1.17 to \$1.17 1/2; Western, \$1.10 to \$1.11; Oats, per 32 lbs, 45c to 46c; Barley, per 48 lbs, \$1.20 to \$1.30; Butter—dairy \$2.20 to \$2.40; more packed 20c to 25c. Ashes—Pots \$5.55 to \$5.60; pearls \$5.50 to \$5.60. Pork—Mess, \$23.50 to \$23.50; F. m, \$7.00 to \$7.50. Peas, 92c to 94c.

**TORONTO MARKETS.**

Toronto, Jan. 6.  
Fall wheat, \$1.15 to \$1.12; spring wheat 1 03 to \$1.02; flour, No. 1 super, \$4.25; extra \$4.55; barley \$1.25; peas, 85c to 94c; ats, 58c to 64c.

**HAMILTON MARKETS.**

Hamilton, Jan. 6.  
Barley, 1 25 to 1 25; peas, 85c to 94c; oats, 58c to 65c; spring wheat, 1 00 to 1 03; white wheat, 1 15 to 1 20; red winter, 1 00 to 1 05.

**Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry**  
This remedy has long been cherished by the community for its remarkable efficacy in relieving and curing the most obstinate, painful and long-standing cases of Cough, Cold, Influenza, Sore Throat, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough, Croup, Asthma, Inflammation of the Lungs, while even Consumption itself has yielded to its magic influence when all other means have failed. Its whole history proves that the past has produced no remedy of equal value, as a cure for the numerous and dangerous pulmonary affections which prevail all over the land.

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"About eight years since my son, Henry A. Archer, now Farmer at Fairfield, Somerset County, Me., was attacked with spitting of blood, cough, weakness of the Lungs and general debility so much so that our family physician declared him to have a 'Seated Consumption.' He was under medical treatment for a number of months, but received no benefit from it. At length, from the solicitation of himself and others, I was induced to purchase one bottle of WISTAR'S BALSAM OF WILD CHERRY, which benefited him so much that I obtained another bottle, which in a short time restored him to his usual state of health. I think I can safely recommend this remedy to others in like condition, for it is, in all respects, the GREAT LUNG REMEDY FOR THE TIMES. The above statement, gentlemen, is my voluntary offering to you in favor of your Balsam, and is at your disposal."  
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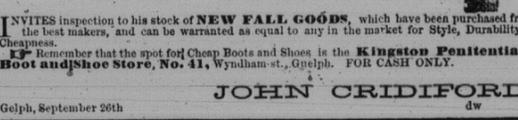
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