THE WEEKLY MERCURY.

Some weeks ago we announced to our would be enlarged, and to-day we fulfil our promise, and present them with the paper in its enlarged form. Four years ago, when we enlarged the paper, and made it an eight page instead of a four page sheet, we began to think we had Mr. Blake's chief public oharacteristics. as any weekly paper published in ture when he only intends to spend six Canada. In this improved form we pre- hundred thousand—unless the Mail,

were flung in huge coffins into a deep in readers to make the comparison for themselves, and they will readily bear out our statement.

We need not inform our readers that the Mercury will continue to be the free and unfettered exponent of Liberal opinion. By its fearless advocacy of such principles it has attained its proud position in this section of the Province, and it will continue to advocate these principles, knowing that they are founded on right and will in the end prevail. As a newspaper it has no equal west of Toronto, for its pages—weekly contain a mass of information gathered from all sources that no other weekly paper in the district contains. No expense will be spared to keep it up to its high standard in the future, and even to excel all previous efforts. The latest news by telegraph and other sources will be given up to the hour of going to press. Commercial news will be carefully and accurately reported, and im addition a mass of miscellaneous and family reading will be given each week specially adapted for the domestic circle.

We thus begin the new year with the fulfillment of our promise in presenting, to our readers the Mercury in its enlarged and improved form. We enter upon the year with the hope and expectation that in proportion to our efforts and outlay our friends will heartily endorse these efforts in the most practical form by saiding in increasing curcirculation, and thereby extending its influence and popularity. The Mercury has long held the proud position in this district as being by far the most widely circulated paper, and the large additions every week being made to our subscription lists is sufficient proof that it is still destined, far to outstrip its competiors. We leave our friends to do their share, assuring them that we will make the paper worthy of all the praise they may be stow on it among their share, assuring them that we will make the paper worthy of all the praise they may be stow on it among their meighbors.

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This is the style of criticism indulged in by some of the Tory papers in reference to Mr. Blake. The precious quotation is from the Ottawa Citizen: We should be interested in seeing a single kindly word, a single expression of gen-erous thought, a single honest admission readers that the Weekly Mercury would be enlarged, and to-day we fulfil has ever spoken as a public man. There position is to be filled by a gentleman from

reached the summit of our ambition, and that no further alteration or improvement was necessary. But in newspaper work, as in every other department of life, there is no standing still, and when li there is no advancement there is retro-gression. Since our connection with the a rally. The Mail is badly mixed on MERCURY our motto has ever been onward and upward, and finding that there was ever increasing demands on our space both for reading matter and advertisements, we resolved to make the property of the matter and advertisements, we resolved to make the property of the matter and advertisements, we resolved to make the matter and advertisements, we resolved to make the matter and advertisements. still another step in advance, and give for its statement that Mr. Mowatintends our readers the benefit of a sheet as large spending a mil'ion dollars on the struc

Canada. In this improved form we present it to them to-day, and we feel assured that for size, appearance and make up—and in the quantity and wariety of reading matter—it will meet with universal satisfaction.

The paper has been enlarged by a column on each page, making in all eight columns additional reading. Add to this the lengthening of the columns, and we have altogether added to our old quantum of reading matter about as much as country readers find in the average country papers. We ask our readers to make the comparison for themselves, and they will readily bear out our statement.

We read at the inform our readers that

belief that a dissolution of Parlia ment will occur as soon as the budget and other urgent bills shall have been disposed of, probably soon after Easter.

Dr. Wiggins, the defeated Tory can-

To Pork Packers.

didate in Queen's, B. N., was used as temporary clerk in the Finance Department, under Sir Leonard Tilley's special care and now it is learned that this patron has promoted him to the position of clerk.

Bradstreet says:—"As time develops the heretofore hidden mysteries of the Consolidated Bank, the utter disgrace to heads of departments, or whoever may be responsible for the mismanagement and malfeasance, has never been approached in the history of this country; and what is to be regretted, the extent of the evil is but now only dawning on the untortunates who happened to hold stares of this stock. It has hardly ever occurred to any one that the entire capital was lost; but from whatis known of the researches of the gentlemen aposition. The outlay necessary to begin business, apply to J. C. McLagan, agent, Guelph.

ST. CATHARINES.

city in reply to a largly signed requisi-tion, has requested the citizens to attend a public meeting for discussion of the Na-tional Currency question, on the 8th in-

Mr. Bodwell, canal superinte position is to be filled by a gentleman from

OMEMBE.

Extensive Robbery of Notes.

Stevenson, of this place, was broken into ast night. The safe was blown open and notes, mortgages, &c., taken therefrom alued at twenty-five thousand dollars.

Guelph Township Council.

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The Reeve drew the attention of the Council Confirmed.

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Total \$22.05.

The period on boundary between township and city, \$2.65, the city having paid \$5.76 in full of their part of the work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) M. Sweetrash, Reeve.

The report was received and adopted.

The Benevolent Committee reported that since last report was submitted there had been paid out for benevolent purposes the sum of \$15. Report adopted that since last report was submitted there had been paid out for benevolent purposes the sum of \$15. Report adopted to be remitted—a satisfactory explanation having been given that the dog should have been taken of file is assessment before the roll was revised. Application granted.

favourable consideration.

meeting.

The Council then adjourned to meet on Monday, 19th day of January, previous to the formation of new Council.

MCCORKINDALE. Clerk.

A. McCORKINDALE, Clerk. The Ladies' Social. The basement in Dublin St. Mcthodist church was the place of general attraction as tevening. The ladies of the church spared no pains in making their 400 guests comfortable. They succeeded admirably. A better Social in all respects a could only be imagined. The ladies who served the tables provided an abundance of the choicest provision. The measures against Mormonism except to prohibit polygamy. In connection with the story that the Morm ons are arranging for a foothold in Mexico, where there leaders might take refuge in case of trouble, it is reported that the Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs, while offering ladds for Mormon occupation, said polygamy would not be tolerated.

Epr's Cocoa.—Grateful and Comfortation and fruit stand was tastefully arranged and well patronized. The pro-The basement in Dublin St. Mcthodist

do their share, assuring them that we will make the paper worthy of all the praise they may bestow on it among the paper worthy of all the praise they may bestow on it among And now at this festive season, and in taking this new departure, we wish one and all a "Happy New Year," and many returns of the same.

Turn writ for the new (Local) election in Stormont has been insued.

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venting Cruelty to Animals, for false arrest, laying their damages at \$1,500. Dr.

Joseph Workman for defendant. At the trial this morning, stated he had seen the bixd, and thought it an interesting study, he was of opinion it had not the power of the daying their damages are requested to attend.

WINSTANLEY—In Guelph, on the 1st-inst, A. A. Winstanley, aged 45 years.

Funeral to-morow (Saturday) at two p. m. from his late residence at two p.m. Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend.

WINSTANLEY—In Guelph, on the 1st-instance are requested to attend. suffering. The President of the Poultry Association and others also testified on behalf of the prisoners.

Among the shipments to Europe last week from New York was forty-seven hundred barrels of green apples.

Prof. William Pike, late Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Oxtord University, has arrived in Toronto. He has been appointed to the chair of Chemistry in University College, made vacant by the retirement of Professor Corts.

retirement of Professor Croft.

About five hundred persons called on the Governor-General on New Year's day.

The Department of Marine and Fishs.

The Department of Marine and Fishs are the fishery inspectors in Ontario and Quebec from the obligation of entorcing the laws is for the protection of game in these Provinces. The game laws being provincial enemements, it is out of the sphere of a federal officer to enforce them as a part of his strictly defined duties.

Winter hog packing in Montreal progresses slowly, on account of the present prices being considered by the trade unwarrantably high.

Hot coffee and lunchrooms comfortably fitted up at rear of store. Stor

into consideration.

The structures are, as a rule, of timber trestles, mostly resting on piled foundations, both material and workmanship being the best of their kind. The exception is in the largest bridge on the line, over the Grand River at Galt, which is of wrought iron, in five spans of 150 feet each, resting on piers of solid stone massoury.

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THE CHRISTMAS TREE.—The entertainment held on Christmas eve in connection with the Christmas tree, which was equipped on behalf of the pupils of the Methodist Church S. S., was a consummate success. The church was perhaps more crowded than it was ever on any former cocasion. Mr. J. P. Phin, the superintendent of the school, opened the proceedings by making a few well timed remarks in other which the action of the control of th

WOMAN'S RIGHTS.

A great deal has been written upon this delicate subject, and still there is great diversity of opinion as to what the ladies have a perfect right to say, do and think. There is not the slightest doubt, however, about the fact, that when a lady enters a drug store and asks for a bottle of Wilson's Compound Syrup of Wild Cherry, she ought to get it at once; and it is no part of a druggist's duty to undertake to convince a customer that they want something other than that they are asking for. For Crughs, Colds, Croup, Whooping Cough, Wilson's Wild Cherry is the quickest and most reliable cure. It contains no Opium, and can be given with the same safety and effect to an infant of three months as to an adult person.

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The romantic vicissitudes of the early life of the Countess Solange de Kramer have once more become the talk of the Paris salcons, and they are, indeed, so extraordinary that, used as materials for a novel, they would spoil the book by their lack of veri-similitude. One night, in 1801, a little girl about one year old was deposited in the drawer of the foundling saylum at Brest. She was dressed with much finery, and a note attached to her akirts, told that her name was Solange, and that she would be reclaimed by her father. The claim was never made, however, and in due time the child was transferred to the orphan asylum, to be educated there. As she grew up, she developed a most extraordinary beauty, but her intellect appeared to be very weak, and ahe suffered from frequent nervous fits. When she was twelve years old she was sent out into the streets to sell flowers, and her beauty and modesty attracted many people's good will, but she grew weaker and weaker, and at last she died. According to French custom she was buried in an open casket, and as it was winter and the soil was drozen, she was alaid into the grave, only covered with a thin layer of sand. During the night she swoke and, pushing the sand away, she crept out from this grave. Not exactly understanding what had taken place, she was not so very much frightened, but in crossing the glacis between the cametery and the fortifications, she was suddenly stopped by the outery "Qui vive," and as she did not answer, the sentinel fired, and she fell to the ground. Brought into the guard-house, her wound was found to be slight, and she soon recovered, but her singular history, and also her great beauty had made so deep an impression on a young licusenant of the garrison (Kramer), that he determined to be her protector, and send her to one of the most fashionable educational establishments in Paris. During the next few years Kramer was much tossed about by the war, but when in 1818 he returned to Paris, he found Solange a full grown woman, not only beautiful, b

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Hardships of the New Northwest Eau

every year to get our firewood with the allowance to take timber for a house, said timber not to average more than 7 inches at the butt, and we are not allowed more than 50 pieces for a house. Now, sir, how in all creation can any man put up a house with timber of that size and quantity, high enough to stand up in? But perhaps Sir John has a new way of putting up a log house, and if so his presence up here would be a great benefit to the settlers of this plain. For stables and and granaries there is no timber allowed, but we are told to go to the sawmills and buy lumber for these purposes—a poor recompense for twenty acres of woodland, and for poor struggling settlers. I hear they have sold all the timber in this part fit for lumber, to speculators. But is there no law which will compel them to stand by the agreement which we took up our land under? If not there is only one course left for us, and that is to go where others have gone—across the lines—wherely we will be treated in a more upright way. New settlers are a poor class to raise, money out of to make the Canada Pacific Railroad or to replenish their treasury which has been emptied by their great 'N. P.'"

Eramosa Council.

The Council met at the Centre Inn at ten o'clock a. m., on the 20th inst. Members all present, the Reeve in the chair; the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Collector was \$\mathbb{z}\$ tructed to make his final returns to the \$\mathbb{T}\$. easurer, on or before the 29th of January 1880. \$2.00 were ordered to be paid to David Rea for meeting with the Public School Inspector for the purpose of making arrangements for annexing west half of lot 1, con. 1, of West Garafraxa, to School Section No. 4, of Eramosa. \$1.00 dog tax, charged to William Croft, was ordered to be struck of the Collector's Roll, he having been assessed therefor by mistake. No other business being before the Council they then adjourned.

J A Davidson, Township Clerk.

Sir Leonard Tilley, Sir Charles Tuppe and Hon. Mr. Bowell arrived at Belleville on Tuesday and went on a "hum" hunt.

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