

come the difficulties with which we may have to contend, or to understand and account for what would otherwise have remained a mystery. This interchange of ideas, this multiplication of our powers of observation, this means of increasing our knowledge, cannot be enlisted in the advancement of agricultural practice so long as those following that pursuit continue to do so in the comparative isolation to which it is calculated to give rise. I argue, therefore, that the pursuit of other arts, tending as it does, to bring men together, is favourable to that interchange of thought so necessary to a rapid increase of knowledge, while that of farming being calculated to keep them apart, is not conducive to that end. Hence, new ideas, or innovations on old established customs, are always slow to make way in an agricultural community.

The fact that of late years a more general spread of education has weakened this tendency to resist change, so characteristic of all agricultural communities, as it enables the farmer to avail himself of the benefits to be derived from the printing press, which to some extent acts as a substitute for the interchange of ideas, and the personal intercourse that the pursuit of other callings gives rise to. But the taking of a newspaper or an agricultural periodical is to large masses of the agricultural community a comparatively new idea, and the slowness with which it is being adopted is in itself a proof of the conservative nature of the calling. I use the word conservative in an English and not in a political sense; but even in a political sense it, undoubtedly, in the vast majority of cases, holds good. It is a well-known fact that agricultural communities are, as a rule, conservative in politics, while towns and cities generally cast their vote for changes which the agricultural districts are disposed to regard as dangerous innovations on time honoured customs. No doubt there are some instances in which we find the farmers of a district ranked upon the side of politics opposed to what is known as Conservatism, but in such cases the conservatism to which they are opposed will generally be found to be the conservatism of customs and laws that are new to them, and which had their origin elsewhere. Such opposition to conservatism by the farming community will, as a rule, be found to exist only in new countries like this that are to a great extent peopled by immigrants from other countries; and it only tends to strengthen the position I take in saying that the agricultural communities are as a rule opposed to changes in politics as well as in the practice of their calling.

(To be concluded to-morrow.)

Newmarket has a case of small-pox. The St. Thomas Times thinks Riel is the rock on which the new Government will split.

A number of Germans in Berlin have organized a dramatic club, and make their first appearance before the citizens shortly. Said a great Congregational preacher to a he: "You're a beautiful creature!" The hero man, who had been laughing at the idea of a dramatic club, said: "Laid two eggs in his hat— And thus did the Hen-ward Beecher!"

Some of the Montreal photographers are appealing to the City Council for a more rigorous enforcement of the law against the taking and selling of photographs and other breaches of the Sabbath.

A bill has been presented at Albany to incorporate the "Niagara River Tunnel Company," which proposes to undertake the construction of a second means of international transit, at this point, either over or under the Niagara river.

The Ontario Council is collecting material for a third volume of the Canadian Herd Book. Our stock-breeders are looking forward with deep interest to the appearance of this publication, as it will exhibit the rapid advance this Province has made in the rearing of short-horned cattle.

The word lady is compounded of two Saxon words, leaf or laf, signifying a loaf of bread, and dian, to give or to serve. In olden times it was customary for those families whom God had blessed with affluence to give away regularly a portion of bread or other food to poor families in their respective parishes and neighbourhoods, and on such occasions the lady or mistress of the household distributed the daily or weekly dole. Hence she was called the 'laf-dy' or the bread giver, and it is probably from this hospitable custom that to this day English ladies carve and serve the meat at their own tables.

A Glasgow paper bursts into song over the Conservative triumph in some very stirring lines, entitled "A Tribute from Galloway." But we cannot overlook in a Scot, such lamentable ignorance of Scripture history as is shown in the stanza:—

But the man round whom we gather Boasts a lineage nobler far; He can reckon as a father Israel's chosen tribe in war. Stanley by descent is glorious, But we count a nobler still, Child of him who once victorious Stayed the sun on Gibeon Hill. The allusion is evidently to Joshua, who was the son of Nun; but as he left no family, Mr. Disraeli, to be a descendant of him, must also be son of none. Which is a co-Nun-drum.

Commercial.

Guelph Markets.

MERCURY OFFICE, April 6.	
Flour, per 100 lbs.	83 00 to 83 50
White Wheat, per do.	1 35 to 1 38
Treadwell do.	1 30 to 1 32
Spring Wheat (Glasgow), 1 do.	1 30 to 1 32
Spring Wheat (red chaff), 1 do.	1 30 to 1 32
Oats do.	1 17 to 1 18
Pork do.	1 10 to 1 13
Barley, new do.	2 30 to 2 30
Hay, per ton do.	12 00 to 14 00
Straw do.	3 00 to 3 50
Wool, per cwt. do.	40 00 to 41 50
Eggs, per dozen do.	11 to 12
Butter, dairy packed do.	20 to 22
Butter, rolls do.	20 to 25
Potatoes, per bush do.	60 to 80
Apples, per 100 lbs. do.	60 to 1 00
Dressed Hogs, per cwt. do.	6 50 to 7 50
Beef, per cwt. do.	4 00 to 4 50

Toronto Markets.

TORONTO April 4.	
Fall Wheat, per bushel	81 25 to 81 27
Spring Wheat, do.	83 00 to 81 31
Barley do.	1 25 to 1 27
Oats do.	1 15 to 1 17
Pork do.	65 to 60
Dressed Hogs per 100 lbs.	7 50 to 8 50
Butter, rolls do.	30 to 35
Butter, tub dairies do.	30 to 35
Eggs, fresh, per doz.	16 to 17
Apples, per barrel do.	2 50 to 3 00
Potatoes, per bush do.	50 to 60
Hay, per ton do.	18 00 to 25 00
Straw do.	15 00 to 15 50

Hamilton Markets.

Hamilton, April 4.	
White wheat, per bushel	81 25 to 81 27
Dressed Hogs, per cwt.	6 50 to 7 50
Red wheat, do.	1 25 to 1 27
Spring wheat, do.	1 15 to 1 17
Barley, do.	1 25 to 1 27
Oats, do.	1 15 to 1 17
Pork, do.	65 to 60
Dressed Hogs, per 100 lbs.	7 50 to 8 50
Butter, fresh, per lb.	30 to 35
Butter, tub, do.	30 to 35
Eggs, fresh, per doz.	16 to 17
Apples, per barrel	2 50 to 3 00
Potatoes, do.	50 to 60

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 this you may be sure, that any journal that inserts advertisements too cheap, is, in fact, an almost worthless medium. If it were really a good one, it would have no need to lower its prices, for its sheet would be better filled without the sacrifice. You may lay it down as a rule that every journal knows its value, and that if it adopts low prices it is because it is conscious that it has a low circulation in number of respectable readers.—Wilson's Handbook for Advertisers.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.
Trains leave Guelph as follows:—
WEST—
2:17 a.m.; 8:45 a.m.; 1:50 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.; 8:33 p.m.
To London, Goderich and Detroit. To Berlin.
EAST—
8:05 a.m.; 8:10 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.; and 8:33 p.m.
GREAT WESTERN—GUELPH BRANCH
Going south—6:40 a.m.; 1 p.m.; 2:30 p.m.; and 5:30 p.m.
Going north—11:55 a.m. for Southampton; mixed 1:40 p.m. for Palmerston; 6 p.m. for Harrisburg; 9:30 p.m. for Vergara.

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 Calaisa 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. —M.M.

EXHAUSTED VITALITY.

"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, Spontaneous 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 the only one of this class of its worth reading. 19th edition, revised, much enlarged, illustrated. Bound in beautiful French cloth. Price \$1. Sent by mail, post-paid, on receipt of price. Address: PEARSON MEDICAL INSTITUTE, No. 4, Blandford Street, Boston, Mass., or Dr. W. H. PARKER, Assistant Physician, N.B.—The author may be consulted on all diseases, as well as all inquiries requiring skill and experience. apdwy.

\$5 to \$20 PER DAY.

Agents wanted. All classes of working people, of either sex, young or old, make more money at work for us in their spare moments, or at all times, than at anything else. Particulars free. Address G. S. MITCHELL, 20, Pc. and Meane.

IMPORTANT

SALE OF PIANOS
The Committee appointed to dispose of the Pianos at the Manufactory of

JOSEPH F. RAINER,

WEST MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH,
Will offer them at a considerable reduction on cost on reasonable

TERMS OF CREDIT.

The stock consists of about

40

First-class Instruments!

Similar to those shown at the last Central Exhibition, and for which he was awarded the first prize.

They are equal in compass of tone, finish, and durability to the best instruments of any of the celebrated manufacturers, and as such an opportunity seldom occurs, parties in want of pianos would do well to avail themselves of it.

An inspection invited.

A competent person will be on the premises, near Mr. John Harris's, who will show the instruments.

Guelph, March 18, 1874. dwtf

VALUABLE

Property for Sale

IN THE TOWN OF GUELPH

In accordance with the last Will and Testament of the late John Mitchell, the residue of the estate is now offered for sale, viz:

Farm Property.

About 200 acres of good land (west of the Erasmus Road in the North Ward) in quantities of one acre and upwards to suit purchasers; part of said land is well timbered, and the remainder under cultivation. There are 2 good two-story stone dwelling houses, 2 frame barns, &c. on the same. The above property is very suitable for building sites, market gardens, &c.

Also, Lot 15, in the 10th concession, Egremont, about six miles from Mount Forest, containing one hundred acres of good land, improved and well watered.

Town Lots.

Lots 23, 24, 25 on the Erasmus Road, 26, 27, 28, 29 on Queen Street, 32, 33, 34, 35 on Delhi Street.

Lot 8 on Pearl St., Lot 11, on King St. and Lot 12 on Derry St.

East 1/2 Lot 9, on Macdonnell St., with 2 story frame dwelling.

West 1/2 do do with Livery Stable.

Lot 6, corner Erasmus Road and Mitchell St., with good 2 story stone dwelling house, 11 rooms, cellar, well, cistern, &c.

Lot 7, on Mitchell St., with frame building, 20 x 30, suitable for a workshop.

TERMS—One fourth in cash; balance in four 2 to 4 years to be agreed upon, with interest at 8 per cent. A large cash payment will be required on the timbered land. For further particulars apply to

ANN MITCHELL, RICHARD MITCHELL, Executors.

Guelph, March 27th, 1874. dwtf

TO BLACKSMITHS.

There is a good opening for a blacksmith at Brisbane, in the Township of Erin. For particulars, apply to G. J. Maclean, Postmaster, Brisbane.

POWELL'S

Boot and Shoe Store

NEW SPRING GOODS

Men's English and American style of

Gaiters and Shoes;

Ladies and Children's

GOAT, KID AND PRUNELLA

Which for style, finish and durability, will be found superior to any in Guelph.

Particular attention paid to

Custom Work and Repairing.

Remember the Noted Shoe Store,

G. S. POWELL,

West side Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Guelph, Mar. 20th, 1874. dw.

H. ROMAIN & Co.,

Successors to J. L. Romain & Co.,

CANADIAN HOUSE,

General Commission Merchants,

AND SHIPPERS.

26, City National Bank Building, Chicago, Ill.

References: Sir John Rose, banker London, England; F. W. Thomas, Esq., banker, Montreal; The Marine Company of Chicago, bankers; Hon. J. Carling, London, Ont.; Messrs. Gault Bros., merchants, Montreal; Messrs. F. Smith (Frank Smith & Co.), Toronto; J. M. Miller, Esq., Perth, Ont. (late of J. M. Miller & Co., commission merchants Chicago); W. Watson, Esq., banker, New York; D. Butters, Esq., Montreal; J. Whitehead, Esq., M. P., Chatham, Ont.; G. Macdill, Esq., M. P., Hamilton, Ont.; T. C. Chisholm, Esq., M. P., Toronto.

THOUSANDS ARE USING THE

MYRTLE NAVY

Smoking Tobacco

AND ARE SATISFIED.

Beware of Imitations.

Each genuine Plug has

T. & B.

STAMPED UPON IT.

Hamilton, March 12, 1874. dsm

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, 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 Horsman's.

PROTECTION

For protection against House-breakers, Burglars and Thieves, we have

Revolvers,

Various makes;

Pistols,

Single and double barrel;

Guns,

Single and double barrel;

Ammunition,

&c. &c. &c.

John M. Bond & Co.

Hardware Importers, Guelph.

NEW GOODS,

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. 31st, 1873. dw

WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY

OF CANADA

HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO

The Capital Stock of this Company, viz., \$100,000 is held chiefly by the Directors and other prominent business men and citizens of Toronto, added to which the Surplus Funds at 30th June, 1873, amounts to \$200,000 affording unquestioned guarantee to insurers.

The attention of the Farming Community is particularly invited to the Rates and Terms of Policy as highly favorable to this class of Insurance.

All claims promptly paid in full on proof loss.

HON. J. McMURRIE, President.

E. HALDAY, Managing Director.

GEO. ELLIOTT, Agent at Guelph.

M37-w

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.

Guelph, Feb. 10, 1874.

L.D. SINE'S

ESTABLISHED 1854

GIFT ENTERPRISE

The only reliable Gift Distribution in the country.

\$30,000 00

In Valuable Gifts!

To be distributed in

L. D. SINE'S

166th Regular Monthly

GIFT ENTERPRISE

To be drawn MONDAY, MAY 4th, 1874.

TWO GRAND CAPITALS OF

\$5000 each in greenbacks

Two prizes \$1,000 each in greenbacks

Five prizes \$500 each in greenbacks

Ten prizes \$100 each in greenbacks

1 horse and buggy, with silver-mounted harness, worth \$600.

One fine toned Rosewood Piano, worth \$850.

Ten Family Sewing Machines, worth \$100 each.

Five Gold American Hunting Watches, worth \$125 each.

Ten Ladies Gold Hunting Watches, worth \$100 each.

\$30 Gold and Silver Lever Hunting Watches (in all worth from \$20 to \$300 each).

Gold Chains, Silverware, Jewelry, &c. &c.

Number of gifts 6,000. Tickets limited to 2,000.

AGENTS WANTED to sell Tickets, to whom liberal premiums will be paid.

Single tickets, \$1; six tickets, \$5; twelve tickets, \$10; twenty-five, \$25.

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.

NEW COAL YARD.

The undersigned having opened a Coal Yard in Guelph is prepared to furnish all kinds of

Hard and Soft Coal

at moderate prices. Orders left at the store of John A. Wood, Upper Wyndham street, will be promptly attended to.

GEORGE MURTON, Guelph, March 1st 1874. Proprietor

W. D. HEPBURN & Co.

GUELPH, Feb. 17, 1874. dw

THE GUELPH

Mercury and Advertiser

The EVENING 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, 25 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 five lines in length, 25 cents for each insertion; for the same over 5 lines and up to 10 lines, 50 cents each insertion, each. If booked 25 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, or advertisements intended for local insertion, charged at the reading matter, but not among 10, 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 \$2.00.

RATES OF ADVERTISING:—For transient advertisements 8 cents per nonpareil line first insertion, and 5 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Farms or Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Cattle Strayed or Stolen, Lost Articles, and all advertisements of that class exceeding 10 lines, solid nonpareil space, 50 cents first insertion, and 25 cents each subsequent insertion, each 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 are 40.

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