

The Provincial Exhibition.
 The Spectator's reporter visited the Exhibition grounds the other day, and was surprised to find the arrangements for the show so nearly completed. Workmen for the past few days have been employed in tearing down the military fixtures in the building, and already nearly all the sheds, &c., for the accommodation of horses and cattle have been erected. The sheds and stables which have been in connection with the Palace have been repaired and put in thorough condition. And on the acres of extra land which have been added to the grounds, an immense amount of shed accommodation, pens and stabling have been put up. In the rear of the Palace will be erected an Agricultural Hall, a wooden structure about 240 by 40 feet. It will be put up in a few days and will be used for the holding of meetings, &c., during the Exhibition. Along the fence, on the south side, a range of sheds has been put up, divided into thirty stalls for bulls, also a forage barn 20 by 40 feet. The accommodation for cattle has never been more complete at any former exhibition in Canada. Beside those in connection with the Palace, there has been erected on the west side three long sheds, containing one hundred pens for cattle, each ten feet square, and capable of accommodating three animals each. Sheep pens, two hundred in number, and sixteen hundred feet in length, each being 8 x 5, have been provided; also seventy-five pens for swine on the north part of the new grounds along Galt street. These pens are in the one range of sheds, being 16 feet wide. A carriage shed about 130x20 feet, has been built along the same range as the pig pens, and an enclosed structure for fowl of all kinds, 100 x 20 feet, on the north east side and contiguous to the palace, has been erected. Six rings, 60 feet in diameter, for the purpose of exhibiting cattle will be prepared, and the old horse track is to be considerably improved by grading and the erection of a picket fence around it. The inside and outside of the Palace building is being thoroughly cleaned and painted, and already is beginning to present a very respectable appearance. The whole work is to be completed by the 10th of next month. In every particular the accommodation for the holding of the Provincial Exhibition for 1868 will be most complete, and we learn from Toronto that the number of entries are very large.

Alaska has sent its first taxes to the government. A remittance of \$5,000 for customs has been received.
 The "Wickedest Man" in New York has resolved to become a better citizen. With this end in view, he has closed his dance-house, and it will henceforth be used to dispense good instead of evil.
 The Eagle Sugar-factory in Portland is one of the most successful manufacturing establishments in New England. It is running but half its works now, but consumes sixty hogheads of molasses a day. It turns out eleven different grades of sugar, which find their principal market in Chicago.
 Upwards of 4,000 emigrants for Salt Lake City and Utah generally, have passed through Canada this year. The facts are ascertained from the records of our emigration department.

COMMERCIAL.

Guelph Markets.
 MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH, }
 September 2, 1868. }

The supply is increasing, but since Monday the price of wheat has continued to decline rapidly. It goes down at the rate of five cents a day, and there is no telling where it is to stop. There is a similar decline in the city markets. The figure paid for spring wheat was slightly in advance of that paid for fall wheat last week, but during the past three days they have been on an equality; as the one declines so does the other. Oats and barley have also fallen slightly; peas keep near the old price, potatoes and apples are much easier.

Flour 100 lbs	3 35	@	3 75
Fall Wheat, 1/2 bush	1 15	@	1 20
Spring Wheat 1/2 bush	1 15	@	1 20
Oats 1/2 bush	0 45	@	0 47
Peas do	0 80	@	0 85
Barley do	0 85	@	0 90
Hay 1/2 ton	11 00	@	11 00
Straw	4 00	@	5 00
Shingles, 1/2 square	1 00	@	1 50
Wool, 1/2 cord	3 00	@	3 50
Eggs, 1/2 dozen	0 11	@	0 12
Butter, (store packed) 1/2 lb	0 10	@	0 11
do (dairy packed) 1/2 lb	0 19	@	0 20
Geese, each	0 25	@	0 30
Turkeys each	0 50	@	0 60
Chickens, 1/2 pair	0 20	@	0 25
Ducks, do	0 20	@	0 25
Potatoes (new) per bag	1 50	@	1 60
Apples, 1/2 bag	1 00	@	0 00
Lamb, 1/2 lb	0 06	@	0 07
Beef, 1/2 lb	0 00	@	0 00
Pork, 1/2 lb	0 07	@	0 15
Sheep Pelts each	5 00	@	5 00
Lambskins	0 20	@	0 25
Hides	0 45	@	0 50

Money Market.
 JACKSON'S EXCHANGE OFFICE, }
 Guelph, Sept. 2, 1868. }

Gold, 144
 Greenbacks b't at 68 to 69; sold at 69 to 69 1/2
 Large Silver bought at 6 1/2; sold at 6
 Small silver bought at 10 1/2; sold at 10
 Upper Canada Bank Bills bought at 60c to 60c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.
 Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co's report by Special Telegraph to "Evening Mercury."
 MONTREAL, September 1, 1868.
 Flour—Fancy, \$8 40 to \$8 70; Superior No. 1, \$8 15 to \$8 65; Welland Canal, \$8 25. Bag flour, \$8 25 to \$8 50. Oats 50c to 55c. Barley \$1 00 to \$1 05. Butter—dairy 12c to 21c. Store packed 17 to 19c. Ashes—Foss \$5 25 to \$5 50. Peas \$8 50 to \$5 55.

TORONTO, September 1, 1868.
 Flour—Market is very dull; No. 1, at \$8 00 to \$8 00. Fall Wheat—\$1 20. Spring Wheat—\$1 20 to \$1 45. Oats—45c. Barley—\$0 90 to \$0 95. Peas—\$6 to 80c.

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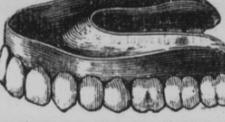
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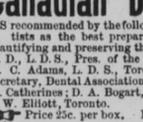
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