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THE Lake Erie and Detroit Railway is to be opened to Ridgeway by Monday, May 15th.

THE population of Belleville, according to the assessors' returns, is 10,181; the assessment shows an increase of \$50,000 over that of last year.

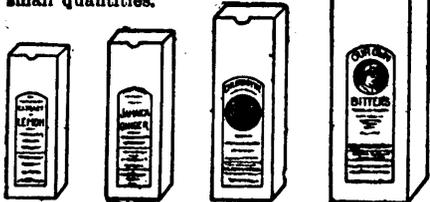
THE Guelph city by-law granting \$2,500 to the Morris, Field & Rogers Piano Co., and \$2,000 to the Gillies & Martin Foundry Co., was carried by a large majority.

A WELL known manufacturer of Brantford, Mr. Wm. Slingsby, died on Friday night last, quite suddenly. The deceased gentleman, who was the proprietor of the Slingsby woollen mills and blanket factory, was in his 77th year.

THERE is a prospect of plentiful litigation over the new telephone company which is rivalling the Bell. We learn that Chief Justice Galt granted last week an injunction to restrain the city of London from giving the Bell Telephone Company an exclusive franchise and quashing the by-law passed by the council of St. Thomas, granting the Bell Company such a franchise for five years. This was brought about by the lawyer of the Automatic Telephone Company.

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THE grocery stock of J. P. O'Higgins, at London, was sold at auction, at 76 cents on the dollar. Anderson & Barnard were the buyers, and the stock was valued at \$3,642.

THE Customs receipts at St. John, for April, were \$89,520, against \$80,541 in April last year. The Inland Revenue receipts were \$24,646, against \$22,834 in April last year.

THE annual dinner of the British Columbia Board of Trade was to take place at the Driard hotel, Victoria, yesterday. Mr. Thomas B. Hall, formerly of Montreal, is president of the board.

ABOUT fifty car loads of square elm timber is being shipped by rail from Mesford by Burton Bros., to Toronto. Hence it is to be towed to Quebec, and from that port it will be taken to Great Britain.

TWO tradesmen in Bolton, England, were fined £10, and had to pay £15 costs each, for exposing American bacon as "Waterford bacon, genuine Irish," contrary to the Merchandise Marks Act. The prosecutions were undertaken by the Board of Trade, and the expert witness was the secretary of the Provision Curers' Association of Ulster.

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MERCHANTS and other residents of Amherstburg presented W. J. C. Harvey, manager of the Ontario Bank there, with a gold-headed cane, and an appropriate address and banquet, on the occasion of his leaving that town, the branch of the bank there being closed.

MERCHANTS, look out for bogus quarters. The London papers say there is quite a number of bogus 25 cent pieces now in circulation thereabout. They are dated 1892, look quite new and are very hard. The only way to detect is by throwing it on the counter—it does not ring. There is supposed to be aluminium in these new counterfeits.

WE notice with pleasure the admission of Mr. James Ince to a partnership in the wholesale grocery firm of Perkins, Ince & Co. This gentleman is the younger son of Mr. William Ince, senior, who with his two sons, Messrs. William, jr., and James Ince, constitute the firm. The connection of the senior member with the firm dates back to 1845, when he entered its service as a mere lad, and he has been a partner since about 1855. The present is, we are told, the jubilee year of Perkins, Ince & Co., whose long record is one of honorable dealing and continuous prosperity.

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