

Ontario Legislature. March 23rd. The House had a short sitting to wind up the business of the session previous to prorogation. Mr. McManus repudiated the responsibility of having, as misreported in an Opposition paper, advocated manhood suffrage. The Attorney-General moved a resolution authorizing the Government to take steps, by arbitration or otherwise, to settle the North-West boundary question. Several Bills having received a third reading and passed.

Mr. Bykerk desired to resume the adjourned debate on the appropriation of the Municipal Loan Fund Act. The Speaker, however, ruled the motion to be out of order, and the House then adjourned. The bridge across the Grand river at Caladonia was carried away by the ice and high water on Friday evening about nine o'clock.

Curling.—Owing to the unusual mildness of the latter part of the season, the Union Curling Club of London was unable to compete for the Governor-General's medal, and his Secretary has been officially notified of the fact. The London curlers also consider the rules rather indefinite, leaving much room for unfair competition. At present there is no distinction made between the use of iron and stone, and it is also thought that the games should be played on open rinks. The curlers of the lower Province generally use iron "stones" which gives them a great advantage over the players who use the time-honored Ailsas.

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 or respectability.—Wilson's Handbook for Advertisers.

NOTICE ABOUT ACCOUNTS. All accounts for Printing or Advertising rendered to the 1st of January must be paid by the 1st of April, otherwise costs will be incurred. Subscribers in arrears will have to the 1st of April to pay up. After that they will be charged the credit price.

Commercial. Guelph Markets. MERCURY OFFICE, March 4.

Flour, per 100 lbs.	83 00 to 83 50
Fall Wheat, per 100 lbs.	1 95 to 2 05
Treadwell, do.	1 30 to 1 35
Spring Wheat, do.	1 80 to 1 85
Oats, do.	1 14 to 1 17
Peas, do.	2 00 to 2 05
Barley, new, do.	2 30 to 2 40
Hay, per ton	12 00 to 15 00
Straw, do.	3 00 to 3 50
Wood, per cord	4 00 to 4 50
Eggs, per dozen	11 to 12
Butter, dairy, per lb.	20 to 22
Butter, rolls, do.	25 to 27
Potatoes, per 100 lbs.	60 to 80
Apples, per 100 lbs.	60 to 1 00
Dressed Hogs, per cwt.	6 50 to 7 00
Beef, per cwt.	4 00 to 7 50

Toronto Markets. TORONTO, March 21.

Fall Wheat, per bushel	23 75 to 24 00
Spring Wheat, do.	1 15 to 1 30
Barley, do.	1 35 to 1 40
Oats, do.	45 to 46
Peas, do.	60 to 70
Dressed Hogs, per 100 lbs.	7 00 to 7 50
Butter, lb rolls	40 to 50
Butter, tub, dairy	30 to 33
Eggs, fresh, per dozen	13 to 14
Apples, per barrel	2 50 to 3 00
Potatoes, per bush	50 to 60
Hay, per ton	20 50 to 25 00
Straw, do.	15 00 to 17 00

Hamilton Markets. Hamilton, March 21.

Wheat, per bushel	23 to 24
Spring Wheat, do.	1 15 to 1 30
Barley, do.	1 35 to 1 40
Oats, do.	45 to 46
Peas, do.	60 to 70
Dressed Hogs, per 100 lbs.	7 00 to 7 50
Butter, lb rolls	40 to 50
Butter, tub, dairy	30 to 33
Eggs, fresh, per dozen	13 to 14
Apples, per barrel	2 50 to 3 00
Potatoes, per bush	50 to 60
Hay, per ton	20 50 to 25 00
Straw, do.	15 00 to 17 00

Special Notices. AS NUMEROUS CASES OF PHOSPHORUS. Have occurred from the sale to the public of Hypophosphites, containing strychnine, without being properly labelled, purchasers of Dr. Wheeler's Compound Phosphate and Calisaya 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.

EXHAUSTED VITALITY. — THE "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, Spermatorrhoea 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. Both editions, revised, much enlarged, illustrated, bound in beautiful French cloth. Price \$1. Sent by mail, post-paid, on receipt of price. Address: REABODY MEDICAL INSTITUTE, No. 4, Bulfinch Street, Boston, Mass., or Dr. W. H. PARKER, Assistant Physician, N.B.—The author may be consulted on the above as well as all diseases requiring skill and experience. ap5dy.

\$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 the present month, or at 11 times, than at anything else. Particulars free. Address G. Stinson Co., P.O. 174, Ma'ne

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, 5 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, cash. 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 advertisement, special notices, or advertisements intended for local insertion, 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 OTHER IN CANADA, OUTSIDE OF TORONTO. Terms—\$1.50 a year in advance; credit \$2.00. Rates of Advertising.—For transient advertisements 3 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. Situations Vacant, Situations Wanted, Farms or Houses for Sale or to Rent, Board, Cattle Strayed, Lost Articles, and all advertisements of that class not exceeding 10 lines, sold nonpareil space, 50 cents first insertion, and 25 cents each subsequent insertion, cash 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. Paragraph advertisements, special notices or advertisements intended for local insertion, 25 cents for 5 lines, first insertion; \$1 for 10 lines, first insertion, and so on in proportion.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS charged at the rate of 25 cents for each insertion; funeral notices 25 cents additional. Paragraph advertisement, special notices, or advertisements intended for local insertion, 25 cents for 5 lines, first insertion; for 10 lines 50 cents first insertion, and so on in proportion.

SPECIAL NOTICE. All contracts expiring on the 31st Dec. if renewed are subject to our revised rates.

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.

NOTICE. Erb's Celebrated FALL WHEAT FLOUR. For Bread and Pastry. ROBERTSON BROS., SOLE AGENTS. Dealers in Goldie's and Armstrong's Flour, Graham Flour, Buckwheat Flour, Corn Flour, Cracked Wheat, Oatmeal, and Feed of all kinds. Delivered free to any part of the Town. Do not forget the stand—Red Mill Flour and Feed Store, opposite the Alma Block Wyndham Street, Guelph.

GREAT CHEAP SALE. At I. & J. Andrews' FANCY STORE, OPPOSITE THE MARKET, CONSISTING OF SLIPPER PATTERNS, Toys, Dolls, and a general stock of FANCY GOODS.

Berlin Wools in All Shades. All of which will be sold at and below cost. Orders received for Hair Jewellery. Guelph, Jan. 13th, 1874.

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.

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. 24th, 1873.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE. GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY. Trains leave Guelph as follows:—WEST.— 2:17 a.m.; 9:45 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.; 8:35 p.m. To London, Goderich and Detroit. TO EAST.— 3:05 a.m.; 8:10 a.m.; 11 a.m.; 4:12 p.m.; and 6:35 p.m. AREA or WESTERN—GUELPH BRANCH. Going south—6:40 a.m.; 1 p.m.; 3:50 p.m.; and 4:30 p.m. Going north—11:55 a.m. for Southampton; mixed 1:40 p.m. for Fergus; 5 p.m. for Fergus; 9:30 p.m. for Fergus.

ANCHOR LINE. Steamers from New York every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Passenger Accommodation Unsurpassed. Rates of passage from Suspension Bridge or Buffalo. To Glasgow, Liverpool or Londonderry, Queenstown or Belfast. Cabin \$65, \$75 and \$85 gold, according to location; Intermediate \$30; Steerage \$24. Drafts issued at lowest rates. For passage or further information apply to Henderson Brothers, 7 Bowling Green, New York, or their Agent, Guelph, P.C. 4m-17. BAYCE, Express Agent, Guelph.

INMAN LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN New York and Liverpool. Consisting of Sixteen of the Best Equipped and fastest steamships in the world, Sailing from New York every Thursday and Saturday. Rates of passage as low as any first-class Line. Tickets for Liverpool, Londonderry, Cork, and Glasgow, and prepaid Certificates good for 12 months to British passengers, issued by H. D. MOREHOUSE, Exchange Office. ALSO, Agent for the Michigan Central and Erie Railroad. Passengers booked to all points in the United States. MARKET SQUARE, GUELPH.

ALLAN Steamship Line. GUELPH AGENCY. Prepaid passage certificates issued. Berths and outward tickets secured at bestrates. G. A. OXNARD, G. T. R. Agent.

NEW DEPOT OF WALL PAPER. School Books, STATIONERY. IMMENSE STOCK AT J. HUNTER'S. Wholesale and Retail. CALL AND SEE. The Largest Stock. The Greatest Variety. The Best and the Cheapest Ever exhibited in Guelph.

AT J. HUNTER'S. FURNITURE AT RETAIL. BURR & SKINNER. Take pleasure in announcing that in addition to their wholesale trade they are now selling at retail at their new waterrooms. At the Factory, Oxford st., ALL KINDS OF FURNITURE. Spring Beds, Mattresses, &c. Having large facilities for making Furniture, they are in a position to offer every inducement in the way of fresh new goods, new designs, and best of finish, all at low prices. Also, all kinds of ordered Work, Upholstering, &c., done at the shortest notice. BURR & SKINNER, Guelph, Jan. 27, 1874.

VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY FOR SALE OR TO EXCHANGE. The undersigned offers for sale, or to rent the undermentioned property, viz: First.—A valuable improved Farm North of the Durham Road, in the Township of Bentinck, three miles from the Village of Durham, containing about 200 acres, of which about 130 acres are cleared and under fence, with a good patch of Fall Wheat on it. On the premises are a substantial Frame Dwelling; House with good cellar, garden and well, with pump of excellent water. Also a Frame Barn 60x20, with eighteen feet posts and underground stabling, and a never failing spring in the barn yard for the supply of water to cattle. This is a very eligible property, and well worthy the attention of those who wish to obtain a good farm. Also—Lot 42, in the 3rd Concession of Bentinck, West of the Garafraxa Road, 100 acres, about 12 acres cleared, with a Frame House on the lot.—The Rocky Saugeen River crosses one corner of this lot, and has a valuable water power on it, capable of driving any machinery. Also—Lot 25, in the 1st Concession, South of the Durham Road one mile from Fleisherton Station, in the Township of Ardenburg. There are about 25 acres cleared and fenced on this lot, with a good new Log House.

The above lands are well situated and timbered with the best kind of hard wood timber, with indisputable titles—the last two being direct grants from the Crown. Possession given 1st April. For further particulars, &c., apply to the proprietor. JOHN KAY, Brass Founder and Fitter, Upper Wyndham Street, Guelph, Jan. 7, 1874.

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, dy Proprietor

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. 19, 1874.

Change of Business. We beg leave to intimate that with the intention of devoting our time exclusively to the Wholesale Manufacturing, we have disposed of our Retail and Custom Business to Messrs. R. MACGREGOR & CO., who will carry on the business, and for whom we bespeak the patronage of all old customers, and the public generally. From an acquaintance of some years we can confidently recommend them as worthy of a liberal support. W. D. HEPBURN & Co.

WITH reference to the above we have the pleasure to state that we have purchased the stock of Messrs. W. D. HEPBURN & Co., on favorable terms, and are making large additions to the same, which will be complete in a few days. In respectfully asking for the patronage of all the old customers and the public generally, we hope to secure the same by keeping first-class goods, selling at the most reasonable prices, and offering the largest and best assortment in town to choose from. Keeping it, as it has been in the past, the leading Boot and Shoe business in Guelph. Custom Work will receive special attention, and satisfaction guaranteed. Repairing promptly attended to as usual. R. MACGREGOR & CO. Successors to W. D. Hepburn & Co.

GUELPH TEA DEPOT. ARRIVING TODAY AT E. O'DONNELL & Co's. 500 barrels Salt at \$1.20 per barrel; 2 car loads of Lake Herrings; 1 car load of White Fish and Trout; 500 barrels of first-class Labrador Herrings; A large quantity of Ingersoll Cheese; 600 caddies of the best dollar Tea put up in 5lb tins. For 50 cents pr lb. Also, a general assortment of Black and Japan TEAS, to be sold wholesale and retail CHEAP FOR CASH. A small lot of SUGAR at 13lb. for One Dollar. GUELPH, Nov. 18, 1873. E. O'DONNELL & CO.

NOTICE. All parties indebted to R. Clayton are requested to settle by the 31st of March. Any account unpaid after that date will be put into the hands of a Collector for collection. R. CLAYTON.

12lbs. of Good Bright Sugar for \$1. CHOICE IMPERIAL New Crop Teas 50c. per lb. J. E. McELDERRY 2 DAY'S BLOCK, THE NOTED TEA HOUSE

Rich Farming Lands. For sale VERY CHEAP by Union Pacific Railroad Co. The Best Investment! No Fluctuations! Always improving in Value! The wealth of the Country is made by the advance in Real Estate. NOW IS THE TIME MILLIONS OF ACRES Of the finest lands on the Continent, in Eastern Nebraska, now for sale. Many of them never before in Market, at prices that defy competition. Five and Ten years credit given, with interest at 6 per cent. The Land Grant Bonds of the Company taken at par for lands. Full particulars given, new Guide with new Maps mailed free. THE PIONEER A handsome illustrated paper, containing the Homestead Law, sent free to all parts of the world. Address O. F. DAVIS, Land Commissioner U. P. R., m14-dw3m, Omaha, Neb.

ARTHUR, Ontario. Lands for Sale: VILLAGE OF ARTHUR. A number of Town and Park Lots. TOWNSHIP OF ARTHUR. 2nd and 3rd divisions of lot No. 25, on the west side of the Owen Sound road, with the Gore in the rear. 148 acres, 100 of which is under a high state of cultivation and laid out into regular fields. The dwelling house is almost new, built of brick, two stories high, with brick kitchen in the rear. The barn, stables and other places are all frame, and substantial buildings. This farm is well worth the notice of agriculturists, either as a breeding farm or cheese factory. 3rd division of lot 34, Owen Sound road, 100 acres, nearly all under cultivation. Good log dwelling house, frame barn and sheds. Only 14 miles along the gravel road from Arthur to Owen Sound. UNIMPROVED. South half of 15, in 2nd con., 100 acres. TOWNSHIP OF LUTHER. Lot No. 1, and west half of 2, in 6th con., 500 acres, 150 under cultivation, 2 good log dwelling houses, frame barn. Can be sold in two tracts. South half of lot No. 1, in 6th con., 100 acres, 65 of which is under cultivation. A good dwelling house and frame barn, about 2 1/2 miles from Arthur Railway Station, on town line between Arthur and Luther. UNIMPROVED. Lot No. 31, in the 4th con., 200 acres, unimproved. TOWNSHIP OF PEELE. Lot 17, con. A, Peel, 52 acres, about 40 cleared and under cultivation, log dwelling house, log and frame barns and sheds. Also, west half of 23, in 1st con., Garafraxa, about 80 acres, 25, or thereabouts, under cultivation. Northwest part of lot No. 15, in 17th con., 50 acres, 38 or thereabout under cultivation. Good dwelling house; spring creek runs through the land, which is of excellent quality. The above lands will be sold on very reasonable terms; only part of the purchase money required down, the balance to suit purchasers. ROBERT MITCHELL. Arthur, 12th Dec. 1873.

COMPLETE SUCCESS. TEN FIRST PRIZES. At Two Exhibitions. Wm. BELL & Co. GUELPH, ONT. Received Every First Prize for Organs & Melodeons. At the Provincial Exhibition, Hamilton, and Central Exhibition, Guelph. This grand success, in addition to last year's record of Silver Medal 3 Diplomas, and 12 First Prizes. Prove that our instruments in the opinion of competent judges, are incomparably superior in quality. Sole proprietors and manufacturers of THE ORGANETTE, containing Sedgwick's Patent Qualifying Tubes, acknowledged by all to be the greatest improvement yet introduced. Their superiority is conceded by other makers from the fact that at Guelph they withdrew from competition, thus acknowledging their inability to compete with them. Every instrument fully warranted for five years. Send for catalogue containing fifty different styles of instruments. W. BELL & Co. Guelph, Oct. 15, 1872.

LAMB'S Family Knitting Machine. The Best, Cheapest, Simplest, and Most Complete Knitter in the World. The subscriber wishes to order, wholesale or retail, Cardigan, &c. Also, all kinds of custom work done to order. Agents for the above machine, and where all orders sent for work will be promptly attended to. MRS. HARTLEY, 138 James Street, below Cannon St. Hamilton. J. H. ROMAIN & Co., Successors to Nelles, Romain & Co., CANADA HOUSE, General Commission Merchants, 26, City National Bank Building, Chicago, Ill.

Reference: Sir John Rose, banker, London; England; F. W. Thomas, Esq., Banker, Montreal; The Marine Company of Chicago, bankers; Hon. J. Carling, London, Ont.; Messrs. Genie Bros., merchants, Montreal; Senator F. Smith (Frank Smith & Co.), Toronto; J. M. Miller, Esq., Perth, Ont. (late of Chicago); W. W. Wainwright, Esq., New York; D. Butlers, Esq., Montreal; Whitehead, Esq., M. P., Clinton, Ont.; W. McGill, Esq., M. P., Hamilton, Ont.; T. C. Chisholm, Esq., B. F. Coote, Esq., Toronto.